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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in **opposition to the proposed CrR 3.4** changes that permit Defendants to appear via Zoom for all hearings and stages in a criminal case. This is fraught with many dangerous problems including, Defendant being convicted and cannot be remanded if on Zoom; Defendant taking screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses, and; connectivity issues that force a vulnerable witness or child to have to testify all over again.

It also presents huge social justice, access to justice, and equity concerns by permitting those with access to high-speed internet, broadband, and computers to appear via Zoom from where ever they please while those who do not have the same types of access will be required to appear in person. This will have the greatest impact on communities of BIPOC, immigrants, and other disenfranchised groups.

Please do not permit these changes.

Sincerely,

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