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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 criminal case. This is fraught with dangerous problems including the fact that the Defendant could be being violated or convicted and would be able to be remanded if on Zoom, the Defendant could take screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses which would abrogate both in the discharge of their duties, as well as conductivity issues and vulnerable witnesses or children having 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 and those who do not have those items to appear in person. This will have the greatest impact on communities of BIPOC and immigrants and those disenfranchised.

Do not permit these changes.

Sincerely,

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