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Good morning,

I'm writing to oppose the proposed changes to CrR 3.4. Allowing defendants to routinely appear remotely for pleas, trials, and sentencings will slow down court proceedings substantially, as the court has to assure technical capacity that will assure that the defendant is not distracted and can observe everything in the courtroom, and deal with technical failures that are inevitable. Further, allowing remote appearance will create inequities among defendants of means versus those who do not have access to a phone or computer. Remote proceedings should not be expanded beyond the current rule. Finally, victims and the community have an interest in the finality of convictions, and this rule will not only create a disservice to them, but to the defendant's rights as well.

Thank you,



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