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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed rule change. Defendants in criminal cases should be required to attend trial in person. "In criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right to ... meet the witnesses against him face to face." WASH. CONST. art. I, § 22 (amendment 10). If victims are required to come in to court and face defendants – who in many cases, have done horrible things to them – then the defendant too should have to sit in the courtroom and listen as the victim testifies.

Thank you for your consideration.

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