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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 :

- A defendant being violated or convicted and cannot be remanded if on Zoom
- A defendant taking screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses
- Conductivity issues and vulnerable witness or child has to testify all over again
- A defendant's ability to consult with counsel
- The Court's ability to ensure a defendant is making a knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waiver of his constitutional rights
- Granting special privilege to a defendant during trial and sentencing, when all parties, the court staff, victims, and jurors would all be required to come to court in person

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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