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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

- *Defendant being violated or convicted and cannot be remanded if on Zoom
- *Defendant taking screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses
- *Conductivity issues and vulnerable witness or child has to testify all over again
- *The rule, as it is now, has already created several problems with motions under 4.7 for fingerprint and DNA. It requires setting 2 motions, one to find good cause of the defendant to appear in person, and a second one to do the fingerprint or/and DNA.

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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