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This change that would re-require misdemeanor defendants to be physically present in court will place a significant burden on defendants, to find the time and means to travel to court.

This change will lead to increase in bench warrants.

Already, too many misdemeanor defendants serve jail time, not because of their alleged crimes, but because they miss court.

I have seen hundreds of people in jail with a mere DWLS 3rd degree charges, because they failed to be physically present in court, over my 4-year career as a public defender.

Furthermore, requiring us defense attorneys to inform clients about court dates, and whether to disclose information regarding our communication with clients to court will not only add to already heavy public defender workload, but also force us to choose between following the new proposed change or adhering to RPC to not disclose any communications protected by attorney/client privilege.

Thank you for your time

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