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I am writing to voice my opposition to DMCJA's proposed changes to CrRLJ 3.4. This rule **increased access to justice** and eased the burden on those who have been accused of a misdemeanor in a way that no other rule has since 1994 when I became an attorney. It has saved countless hours of defendants sitting in courtrooms, away from work, school or family obligations. It has made it so people out of state could resolve criminal offenses without the burden of flying back to this state.

While I am a private criminal defense attorney, most of my clients are just regular working people without a lot of time to take off from their obligations. Similar to people in jail, many of my clients will just want to resolve a case quickly to avoid the burden of having to take time away from work. A rollback of this rule will harm both access to justice and the ability for people to fairly resolve cases. I ask this court not to change the rule as it stands.

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