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Hello:

I write to you in regards to the proposal for CrR3.3 and CrR3.4.

As a public defender I have seen what a difference not requiring my clients presence in court for every hearing has made. Prior to the rule change, clients would frequently have to arrange for child care, take precious time off from work, arrange transportation, and needlessly wait in court room for hours to have their court dates reset. It has been such a time save for clients to not have to appear when unnecessary to be present. This has lead to fewer disruptions in already unstable lives. Additionally I have found that clients maintain **better** contact when they know as long as they have contact with me and we have discussed new dates, they do not need to appear.

I encourage you to maintain the current rule in not requiring individuals to be present for all hearings.

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