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The Honorable Justice Charles W. Johnson  
The Honorable Justice Mary Yu  
Supreme Court Rules Committee  
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court  
PO Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: Proposed amendments to GR 31 (Access to Court Records) and CrR 2.1 (Use of Initials)

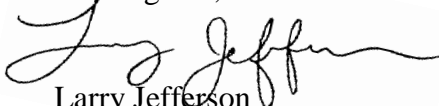
Dear Justices Johnson, Yu and Members of the Rules Committee:

As the Director of the Office of Public Defense, I write to express my support for the proposed amendment to rule GR 31 which governs the distribution of juvenile court records. The proposed amendment will protect young people from the unnecessary and harmful electronic distribution of these records.

I also support the amendments to CrR 2.1 and GR 31 to require the use of initials in all trial level pleadings. Both of these amendments will enhance a young person's ability to gain access to educational, employment and housing opportunities.

I respectfully urge you to adopt proposed amendments to rule GR 31 and CrR 2.1.

Best regards,

  
Larry Jefferson  
Director

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Good morning.

Please see the attached letter from OPD Director, Larry Jefferson, supporting proposed amendments to GR 31 and CrR 2.1.

Thank you,

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