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juCR 7.16 is bad policy/law. It (juCR 7.16) appears to do the exact opposite of the intended purpose. It has made it increasingly difficult for judges to make decisions that protect the youth and the communities in which they serve. We have an incredibly dangerous drug and gang problem in Yakima that directly influences our youth. The gangs as well as the youth have recognized the court has minimal to no recourse when a youth needs to be taken off the streets. Thus the youth directly and willfully disregard court orders and direction as they know there is no consequence. I have parents calling and at times begging for me to make the youths Juvenile Probation Counselor issue a warrant. It should be noted at this time these requests are not just for failing to follow home rules. They are calling with concerns, much more significant than home rules. Parents report Fentanyl use, Methamphetamine use gang activities, criminal behaviors assaultive behaviors. They are fearful, scared and angry. I then have to explain to them how juCR 7.16 restricts our judges from just issuing warrants. juCR 7.16 must be ended. We must let our Judges make the decisions we entrust them to do. The Judge I work with has a tremendous amount of passion for the youth she serves and appears to always weigh the cost benefits and outcome with her decisions and what's best for the community, youth and parents. Please let us do our jobs. I have over a decade of experience working with juvenile and adults who are criminal justice system involved. juCR 7.16 is one of the biggest barriers to allowing the Professionals to do their jobs. Please reconsider removing juCR 7.16. It's bad policy and creating dangerous situations by not allowing Judges to make the decisions we entrust them to make. Respectfully submitted.

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