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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:52 AM
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Subject: Suggested Changes to JuCR 7.16

Dear Erin:

I would like to take a few minutes and provide some input coming from the perspective of law enforcement related to the suggested changes to JuCR 7.16. I have been the Asotin County Sheriff's Office, Sex Offender Coordinator for over 20 years. During that time, it has been my responsibility to monitor all sex offenders in our county and ensure offenders maintain compliance with their duty to register. In my opinion, JuCR-7 would effectively eliminate an important tool that law enforcement possesses to maintain compliance of juvenile sex offenders. If there is no fear of disciplinary action, for failing to comply with sex offender registration requirements, it takes away the incentive of offenders to maintain compliance.

The initial purpose of creating a sex offender registry was to ensure the safety of victims and the public. By taking away the judicial system's ability to impose sanctions on offenders, it will cause an increase of violations and an inability of law enforcement to hold juvenile offender accountable for crimes. This will be to the detriment of the victim and the community at large.

I respectfully urge the Washington State Supreme Court to rescind JuCR 7.16.

Sincerely,

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