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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE SUGGESTED NEW RULES CrR 4.11 -NOTICE OF COURT DATES TO DEFENDANT AND CrRLJ 4.11—NOTICE OF COURT DATES TO DEFENDANT, Order No. NO. 25700-A1421

We are writing to share our concerns regarding proposed rule CrR 4.11 and CrRLJ 4.11. Over the past two years, all courts have worked tirelessly to establish procedures that recognize the great strides in technology that have been made since March 2020. We have created virtual and hybrid calendars. We have implemented improved counter procedures. We have enhanced the availability of services previously requiring in person appearance to provide online options for those who need it. All of this has been driven by the fact that it increases access to justice for the community we serve.

To this end, we also created a process whereby we seek authorization from every court customer regarding the service of paperwork via email. The overwhelming majority of those customers welcome and prefer email service. Those who indicate their preference for physical mailing are accommodated. Our goal is to serve each person in the manner that important paperwork is likely to be received and reviewed. Email service has also increased our appearance rates and reduced the number of bench warrants that are issued.

The proposed new rules CrR 4.11 and CrRLJ 4.11 appear to prohibit email service and require physical mailing. We would request an amendment to allow email service.

Thank you for your consideration.

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