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I am writing in support of Judge Gerl's and Judge Rogers' recommendation that the Supreme Court not adopt proposed rules CrRLJ 4.11 and CrR 4.11. As a prosecutor, I agree with each of the problematic flaws they outlined in their submitted comments.

I am most concerned about the way this proposed rule eliminates the incentive for defendant's to appear at hearings for important proceedings, causing a substantial burden to all other participants including victims, and all the while having notice of their hearing.

There is a balance to strike between taking advantage of the benefits CrR 3.4 has provided and creating rules that will only serve to interfere with the vital legal processes and court systems in place. There should be clear expectations about when defendants are required to appear. The proposed rule only serves to remove that clarity and further burden the court system and all involved parties.

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