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I am writing to express my strong support for proposed RAP 18.25.

I regularly hear from victims or parents who are concerned about their privacy and are reluctant to report crimes or participate in the justice system. These people are afraid that their worst moments will become publicly available and, in some cases, that their safety will be jeopardized. Children and victims of sex offenses deserve to have their identity protected throughout the criminal justice process, including the appellate stage. Although court opinions routinely use initials to refer to such individuals, there is no statewide rule requiring such practice. Indeed, while Divisions Two and Three have general rules requiring initials, Division One has no such rule. As a result, appellate attorneys are free to use full names in their pleadings. This causes significant privacy concerns for children and victims of sexual assault, because appellate court documents, including appellant briefs and other pleadings, are readily available on the internet.

Propose RAP 18.25 would protect some of our most vulnerable victims and witnesses without impacting appellate proceedings. It is a sensible, narrowly-tailored rule and I urge this Court to adopt it.

Respectfully,
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