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Hello,

I am writing in support of RAP 18.25. As an advocate for victims of sexual assault for nearly 20 years I have observed first hand how the criminal justice system revictimizes sexual assault survivors that trusted the system would help protect them.

We know most victims of sexual assault never report. As we promote justice reform and trauma informed courts we must apply these same principles to victims so they can trust they will not be further harmed and increase their willingness to come forward.

Victims have a right under our constitution to be treated with 'dignity and respect'. Providing sexual assault victims a layer of privacy is reasonable and necessary and aligns with their constitutional rights.

The criminal justice system rarely prioritizes victim's rights, despite it's dependence on victims being willing to participate in the burdensome process for the purpose of public safety. Allowing victim's of sexual assault names to be initialized provides for their privacy and protection without violating the need for open courts. Protecting a victim's name from publicly appearing in court documents does not hinder the "...the right to freely observe the administration of civil and criminal justice" We know public visibility is used to shame, deter, and punish victims for speaking out, reinforcing the rape myths that have so successful at silencing victims. We must have a system that better protects victims.

I urge you to support RAP 18.25. Victims of sexual assault would be more willing to engage in the criminal justice system if the system provided reasonable consideration of their rights.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Gray

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