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To: Supreme Court
Re: Proposed amendment to CrRLJ 3.3

I write to oppose the amendment to the time for trial rule that would restart the time for trial after a failure to appear without the defendant being required to appear, even remotely.

At least in King County, defendants are required to appear for few hearings. For the vast majority of hearings, defendants appear through counsel. The most common hearing at which the defendant will be required to appear is trial. After the defendant has failed to appear for trial, it defies logic to restart the time for trial with all the necessary related proceedings without the defendant appearing in court. Defense counsel will be reappointed and the parties must begin preparation for trial, including eventually issuing subpoenas for witnesses and witnesses appearing to testify. This is a substantial burden when there is no reason to believe the defendant will appear the next time – for what was the consequence for the first failure to appear? Not even the requirement to appear for one hearing.

Respectfully,
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