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RE: RAP 9.6 Rule changes

Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court,

I write in response to the proposed rule changes to RAP 9.6 and the unique hardships it will impose on small counties including Clallam County. As you can imagine, small counties operate with tighter budgets and will struggle to allocate sufficient funds to meet the proposed change requirements without sacrificing other essential services.

Clallam County is currently suffering from staffing challenges and lacks the personnel expertise and manpower necessary to effectively implement and adapt the proposed rules.

It is imperative that policymakers consider the unique challenges faced by small counties and provide adequate support to ensure their successful adaptation of rules. We support a holistic approach that involves key stakeholders working together on resource allocation, financial assistance, implementation of a technology solution that would work for all 39 counties.

Sincerely,

*N. Botnen*

Nikki Botnen  
Clallam County Clerk

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Hello, I respectfully write to provide my comments on behalf of the Clallam County Clerk's Office regarding the proposed rule changes to RAP 9.6. Please contact me if you have any questions for me.

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