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Good afternoon –

I urge the Supreme Court to adopt the proposed changes for CrR 3.2 and CrRLJ 3.2. These proposed changes will mitigate the harm the criminal legal system inflicts on indigent people charged with crimes who are presumed innocent.

The proposed amendment would require courts to offer the option of making a 10% cash deposit of the ordered bail amount directly to the court. This will greatly mitigate harm to my clients because they will not have to choose between staying in jail and giving what little money they have to a bail bond company that will not refund their money. If the court adopts this change, low income people accused of crime will have the opportunity to get their money back from the court if they appear for their mandatory court dates and abide by conditions.

Many other states have adopted similar bail reform rules. While more work needs to be done, this is a great opportunity for the court to provide relief to indigent people accused of crime and reduce inequality.

Thank you,

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