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Please amend CrR and CrRLJ 3.2 to require courts to accept multiple bail payment options.

Cash bail is inherently classist and racist. Why must one individual languish for weeks in jail while another can await trial in the safety of their home because of a difference in socioeconomic status? Cash bail results in worse outcomes for not just defendants, but society at large. When individuals cannot post 10% cash deposit with the court, they become subject to the predatory system of bail bonds companies that keep their money at the end of the day, even if individuals appear at every court hearing. Additionally, posting 10% cash bail would allow individuals to continue working to support their families during the pendency of their cases. As an attorney, I have had clients who are the primary breadwinners for their families and their families have lost their housing because they could not post \$500 bail to return to work. Even if individuals do not have families to support, not being able to afford bail causes folks to lose jobs, lose housing, and become destabilized. Cash bail does not ensure community safety, it creates harm to the community by pushing people out onto the streets without housing, employment, or healthcare. Look to the research and data from courts that don't utilize cash bail. Look to the federal courts system. There are better ways of ensuring return to court and community safety than total bail or surety bond.

Thank you,
Jessamine Anderson