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Good morning – I am opposed to the following court rules changes:

CrR and CrRLJ 8.3 – This rule change would allow any trial judge to dismiss any criminal case that the judge does not like. The proposed rule allows judges to dismiss criminal cases based on policy disagreements with the prosecutor.

The rule talks about arbitrary action from prosecutors but it's written so broadly that it just encourages arbitrary action from judges.

CrR and CrRLJ 3.2 – This rule effectively reduces any bail set by 90%. It does not impose liability for the full amount if the defendant flees or violates conditions of release. If the court is directed to set bond in the amount to reasonably assure community safety and only 10% of that amount needs to be posted, community safety will not be assured.

CrR and CrRLJ 4.7 – Under the proposed rule, the defense attorney who redacts discovery does not provide a copy to the court or prosecutor. As such, no errors can be identified prior to the defendant received a copy. More errors will occur as a result of this rule change. It's a step in the wrong direction.

Thank you,

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