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I am joining and supporting Donna Wise's comment in opposition to this proposed rule.

I would add that one of the purposes of redacting discovery is to protect victims and witnesses and the rule as proposed would erode the Court and prosecutor's ability to assure that redactions have been properly done. Victims are often among the most vulnerable members of our society, and the legal system as a whole has an obligation to protect victims from further harm. This rule would undercut this obligation and put victims at risk.

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