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Hello,

I am writing to provide input with respect to the proposed rule changes submitted with respect to CrR 8.3 and CrRLJ 8.3. It appears that the submitted proposal aims to remove the longstanding requirement that a defendant demonstrate prejudice in order for a court to dismiss a criminal case. This proposed change makes little sense in the canon of case law and further, appears to completely disregard the separate of the judiciary from both the legislature and the executive branch. This change would allow any judicial officer, on their own whim to dismiss a case for any reason. The proposed change would also allow a court to conclude that any decision made by a prosecutor was arbitrary, from charging decisions to sentencing recommendations. The amendment would authorize dismissal of any or all charges or convictions. A court could conclude that a prosecutor's charging standards or allocation of office resources was arbitrary or negligent. The amendment would authorize dismissal of any case that it concludes was affected by that policy. Simply, this is an absurd result.

The proposed amendment ignores the public interest in the prosecution of crimes and protection of the victim and the community. Because it does not require a connection between any misconduct of the State and the defendant's

ability to have a fair trial, it does not serve the public interest in punishment of the guilty and public safety. It disregards the victim's right to justice and protection from the defendant.

Thank you for your time.



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