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Good morning,

I have reviewed proposed changes to various criminal rules for this year and present the following comments on those proposed changes:

1. Regarding CrR 8.3- I strongly oppose the proposed change to this rule as it permits a gross invasion of the province of prosecuting authority by the judiciary and permits overzealous judges to infuse their policy preferences into the rule of law. There is substantial risk of interference with the administration of justice and defeats the public interest in the just prosecution of crimes.
2. Regarding CrR 3.2- I oppose the proposed changes to this rule due to the substantial risk of interference with the administration of justice and I believe it ignores the existence of an option to post appearance bonds that already permit a 10% posting. There are serious safety concerns for victims of crimes and the community at large not being contemplated by the proposed changes.
3. Regarding CrR 4.7- I oppose the proposed change to this rule because of the risk of inconsistent application and the risk to victim safety by inefficient redactions provided to defendants prior to review by the Court or prosecuting authority.
4. Regarding CrRLJ 3.3- I oppose the proposed change to this rule because it seems to permit a system where the prosecuting authority is required to restart the commencement of critical proceedings with no assurance that the defendant will appear after a prior failure to appear. There is no need for a permanent appearance through counsel system in a post-COVID world even if it is made to feel more "convenient" for those involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed rule changes.

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