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To the Justices of the Washington Supreme Court,

I urge the Court to reject the proposed changes to rule 3.2 regarding the standards for pretrial release. The proposed amendments limit the circumstances under which a defendant may be held to an artificially limited number of situations. For example, a defendant can tamper with witnesses in many ways that do not involve threats or intimidation. In fact, as anyone who has listened to a recorded phone call between a domestic violence defendant and his or her victim can attest, the forms of coercion used to convince a victim not to come to court *seldom* involve threats or intimidation. In addition, a defendant can interfere with the administration of justice in ways that do not involve threats, intimidation, or the commission of violent offenses. For example, a prolific car thief may steal another car each time he or she is released, which results in additional charges, additional delays, and the expenditure of additional scarce judicial resources. These are but a couple of examples off the top of my head. In addition, the proposed amendments do not account for the common situation where the court is dealing with a defendant who has violated conditions of release.

The current rule allows the trial court broad discretion to consider the individual circumstances of each case and each defendant. This Court should not artificially limit that discretion in the manner suggested here.

Thank you,
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