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The Court should reject this amendment. This amendment disregards the reality of domestic violence cases. Threats go well beyond intimidation and can be much more subtle. This amendment disregards the reality of the patriarchy and the power & control (often) male defendants exert over their victims.

The proposed amendment is too narrow and ignores the risk that an accused can tamper with witnesses in ways other than by threats or intimidation. For example, under the proposed amendment, a court setting bail would not be able to consider a given defendant's attempts to bribe witnesses. In this context, the proposed amendment's over-focus on whether the accused will "threaten or intimidate" a victim or witness ignores the numerous other ways in which an accused can attempt to unlawfully dissuade a witness or victim from appearing and testifying truthfully in response to a subpoena. Courts must have sufficient discretion to address all behavior that interferes with the administration of justice, not just those that involve a threat or attempt to intimidate.

Thank you.



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