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To the Justices of the Washington Supreme Court,

I urge the Court not to adopt the proposed change to rule 4.1 that would require arraignment within three days of filing an information or complaint when the defendant has been detained in jail or subject to conditions of release. Although something less than 14 days *might* be feasible, three days is wholly inadequate to accomplish victim notification—or indeed, notification of *defendants* who are subject to conditions of release. The Court should reject this drastic reduction in the amount of time between filing and arraignment. Instead, the Court might consider a statewide study or survey to determine whether some less-drastic reduction could be implemented that would still allow sufficient time for victim and defendant notifications.

I have no objection to the other proposed change (i.e., giving defendants an opportunity to argue bail at arraignment).

Thank you,  
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