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I write in opposition to the proposed amendments to CrR 4.1 and CrRLJ 4.1. Although I understand the rationale for shortening the time, for the reasons outlined below, three days is simply too short of a timeline.

Victims of felonies have a Constitutional right to address the Court whenever a defendant's release is considered. This typically occurs at arraignment. In many cases, prosecutors must rely on the postal system to provide notice of the arraignment and the right appear. Shortening the time for arraignment would make it very difficult to provide adequate notice to victims to meet this right. The shortened period does not provide sufficient time for victims to make necessary arrangements to attend arraignment. Moreover, for victims experiencing significant crimes, the shortened period may interfere with their immediate recovery from the trauma of the crime. Even shortening the period to eight days' notice would better meet victim needs.

Additionally, the application of this rule would be incredibly broad, because it applies to any defendant subject to conditions of release. In King County, almost every defendant seen on the first-appearance calendar is subject to conditions of release, even when they are released without any bail. Just as with victims, prosecutors rely on the postal system to provide out-of-custody defendants notice of their arraignment. The proposed period does not provide sufficient time for that notice.

Finally, the three-day period does not provide sufficient flexibility for prosecutors and courts to manage arraignment calendars for high volume days, court holidays and unexpected closures.

For all of these reasons, I urge this Court to reject the proposed amendments to CrR 4.1 and CrRLJ 4.1.

Respectfully,  
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