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Good afternoon,

I urge the court to reject the proposed amendment . I believe that it violates crime victims' bill of rights and potentially exposes victims to more danger, especially marginalized and most vulnerable victims. The proposed amendment does not provide sufficient time for victim notification. In many cases, prosecutors must still rely on the postal system to provide victims with notice that a case has been filed and scheduled for arraignment. The proposed three-day window between filing and arraignment is insufficient to generate notice, submit it to the postal service, and have it delivered and received prior to the arraignment date. At best, the notice will arrive the day before arraignment, providing victims of crime with insufficient time to make work, childcare, or transportation arrangements to attend the arraignment and potential bond motion or provide input to an advocate or prosecutor to relay to the court. As a result, the proposed three-day timeline is not trauma-informed for victims on serious cases. Even eight days of notice would allow victims the opportunity to prepare for the stress of attending and participating in an arraignment hearing.

Thank you,



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