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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed change to these rules and to urge the Court to reject adoption of same.

The proposed change to CrR 4.1(a) and CrRLJ 4.1(a) would reduce the time for arraignment for in-custody defendants from fourteen days to three days. Reducing the time between filing of a criminal charge and arraignment to three days leaves utterly insufficient time for victim notification. Victims would have no ability to be heard if release of the accused was being addressed at the arraignment hearing as they would not receive notice before the hearing, let alone have the opportunity to make arrangements to be present.

As many others have noted, this proposed change would also severely impact courts' abilities to manage their schedules and staffing for calendars.

For all of the above reasons, I urge this Court to reject this proposed change.

Sincerely,

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