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I feel compelled to write in support of discovery for misdemeanor cases. We are fortunate in St. Joseph County to have a Prosecutor's Office that is generally open to providing copies of police reports, photos, audio, and video for misdemeanors and civil infractions. However, without it being mandatory, it can create a major disadvantage to the defendants. There have been many times where some discovery information is not obtained until the eve of trial, which puts defendants and their attorneys in a position where they cannot fully prepare. For example, if a video exists that is known to the officer, or the Prosecutor, they are not required to disclose it until trial is in progress. It leaves the defendants without the ability to view it, conduct their own investigation, or to decide to enter a plea. I believe more cases will actually resolve short of trial if this discovery rule is adopted, as it gives both sides all of the information upon which to base their strategy and determine the best course of action.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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