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I have great concerns about the proposed amendments to MCR 8.115. The safety of all who attend court proceedings as spectators, participants, lawyers and jurors should be of the utmost importance to the court. Allowing cellphones and other electronic devices into the courthouse with extremely limited safeguards is dangerous. The ability of those involved in cases to videotape jurors, undercover officers, judges, lawyers and others involved in a case is cause for tremendous concern. With the ability to take such information/photos etc.. and place them immediately onto the internet or social media, it will place many people in danger. While this rule "says" no photos, recordings etc... there is absolutely no way to prevent this from happening until it is too late. NONE! Gang cases, contentious family court cases, militia cases are only a few of the examples of cases that raise concern. Until there is better technology that would allow the court to know for sure that recordings and photos cannot be taken, this rule change is premature.

Thank you!

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