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To whom it may concern,

I am a judicial officer outside your jurisdiction and am commenting because increasing meaningful access to courts is my personal mission. I have 13 years of experience in the Washington State judiciary. I support this proposal.

Rules that prohibit cell phones in courthouses, in particular, are tremendously difficult for low-income court users. While I could easily stash my devices in my car, a person who arrived by bus or were dropped off by friend may not have a place to put their devices. Some courthouses that prohibit cell phones have free lockers to stow them, which helps this problem, but many others do not. That leaves the court user with an impossible choice – either break the court’s rules or miss their hearing.

Sincerely,  
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