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I am an assistant public defender in Shiawassee County, Michigan. Prior to People v Jack, 366 Mich App 316, 970 NW 2d 433 (2021), our office had great difficulty getting the contact information for witnesses from the prosecutor. We often had to make two or three request for the witness contact information, and would only get the information a few weeks before trial. I would urge the court to deny this amendment and keep the spirit of People v Jacks alive. As an alternative, a requirement that the defense attorney redact the discovery before releasing it to his or her client or a third party. This would protect the privacy of the witnesses while making it easy for the defense attorney to contact the witnesses for investigation and trial preparation. Thank you for your time.