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Comment:

"The fair administration of justice is a fundamental right that is dependent upon the participation of the people, and that participation requires access to the courthouse. Creating an environment in which individuals—whether they be crime victims, parties, or witnesses—are afraid to participate hinders that access and, consequently, the fair administration of justice. And discouraging individuals from accessing the courthouse for reasons such as observing proceedings, viewing a court record, or ordering a transcript erodes public trust in the system. "

The proposed amendment would help alleviate these negative impacts and thereby encourage participation and maintain accountability in the fair administration of justice.