

March 30, 2022

Clerk of the Supreme Court
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules
P.O. Box 1688
Madison, WI 53701

Re: Public Comment - Petition 20-09A

Dear Honorable Justices:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, I'm writing to you in support of the adoption of Petition 20-09A which will expand the usage of videoconferencing technology for court purposes.

There are very few positive outcomes as a result of the COVID pandemic. For law enforcement and quite frankly, the criminal justice system as a whole, the use of videoconferencing technology has been one of those positive outcomes. In a time where budget funds are very tight and the need for 'doing more with less' is expected every day, this is a good way to keep cases moving through the system while also ensuring the necessary safeguards to protect the rights of all of the involved.

As a Police Chief in a police department located in the rural northwest part of the state, I've seen the benefits of using this technology at both the county and city levels over the past couple years. This has increased efficiencies in our court systems such as a decrease in travel time and it's allowed both circuit and municipal courts to safely process cases which would have otherwise been postponed.

If approved, the continued use of this technology will result in significant benefits to the entire justice system and therefore, I encourage you to approve Petition 20-09A.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Roux", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Roux
President