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Monday, March 1, 2021

Clerk of the Supreme Court P.O. Box 1688 Madison, WI 53701

Re: Petition 20-09

Dear Honorable Justices,

I represent the Wisconsin Police Executive Group and am writing you on behalf of our member Chiefs in Wisconsin to advocate for the adoption of Petition 20-09 which would allow for video conferencing technology for judicial hearings.

While the COVID pandemic restricted many in-person hearings and meetings, it has also provided opportunities to utilize technology in new ways in a positive and fair manner. These new ways can be expanded to the use of this same technology for judicial proceedings. These proceedings could be set up with the best interest for all involved parties. Video conferencing technology would also allow for efficiency and cost savings to all of those involved in the proceeding. It would save travel time for defendants, witnesses (including law enforcement), and attorneys who may need to travel from various locations in a small timeline.

If approved, this program would provide benefits to all of those who are participating in the court proceedings. I respectfully request the approval of the expanded use of video conferencing as put forth in Petition 20-09.

Respectfully,

Steven J. Anderson

Chairperson