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Dear Clerk,

We oppose the provision of the rule which allows a court to sua sponte allow videoconferencing without the consent of the parties. We believe this violates the United States and Michigan Constitutions. A criminal defendant has a right to confront the witnesses against him and to be present at all proceedings, this provision would remove that right.

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