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I have several concerns about e-filing that are highlighted by:

Rule 2E.101 Time and Effect(A) A document filed electronically shall be considered filed with the court when the transmission to the electronic filing service provider is complete. The court's e-filing plan must state the time by which transmissions must be completed to be considered filed by the close of business on that day, but not later than 5:00 p.m.4(B) If the court rejects a submitted document pursuant to MCR 8.119(C), the court shall notify the filer of the rejection and the reason for the rejection. A rejected document shall not become part of the official court record One of the benefits of e-filing in the federal system is the 24/7 availability. The opportunity for each court to close their filing system at 5 p.m. or earlier, severely undermines this benefit.

The opportunity to "reject" a submitted document also raises a concern with respect to filing of matters that have a deadline, e.g. a statute of limitations, the court rule requirement for responsive pleading, a date imposed by a scheduling order, etc. Again, the federal system does not have a 'paternalistic' review and rejection process. Errors made in filing, e.g. misidentifying what was filed, or attachment of the incorrect pleading or document, are not 'pre-identified' before they are 'allowed' to be filed. Someone within the federal court simply notifies the filer that an error was made and the filer needs to correct it. Because this proposed rule does not specify 'reasons for the rejection', inconsistent results will surely become common and, again, will lead to missed deadlines. I believe that it is a legitimate concern not knowing whether your e-filing was in fact timely and not finding out until it may be too late.

As a solo practitioner, I am very much supportive of e-filing. As a user of the systems now in place principally in the COA, Wayne, Oakland and federal, I am hopeful that a uniform Michigan system will adopt the best practices from all existing systems.

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