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Dear Ms. Miller:

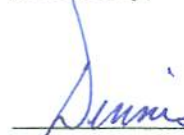
In regard to the proposed amendments to the North Dakota Rules of Court, in particular, Rule 10.1, I would like to offer the following comment.

I would suggest that the proposed amendment having wireless communication devices to be turned off in the Courtroom be modified to prohibit wireless communication devices be required to be turned off in the Courtroom OR to be allowed to remain on, if the means of signaling a message/call is being sent is by vibration or visible means.

This will allow cell phones or pagers that "vibrate" to be available for use by counsel in the Courtroom. Since I am a member of a small law firm, such devices would be imperative in receiving notification of an important message that may be relevant to the case being tried.

Thank you for your attention to this comment.

Sincerely,



Dennis Edward Johnson