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7 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

8 IN THE MATTER OF

R-14-0006

9 PETITION TO MODIFY
10 RULE 12.5, ARIZONA
11 RULES OF CRIMINAL
12 PROCEDURE

13 ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS'
14 ADVISORY COUNCIL'S
15 COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
16 TO MODIFY RULE 12.5, ARIZONA RULES
17 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

18 Pursuant to Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, Rule 28(C), the Arizona
19 Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council ("APAAC") hereby submits its comments
20 in support of R-14-0006, Petition to Modify Rule 12.5, Arizona Rules of Criminal
21 Procedure.

22 The proposed modification would remove the need to seek judicial approval to
23 allow a law enforcement officer to be present in the grand jury room when the
24 testimony of an incarcerated person is presented. This proposal promotes judicial
25 economy while ensuring the confidentiality of the the grand jury proceeding.

26 APAAC supports this Petition.
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1 Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2014.

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