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Dear Justices,

I write to voice my opposition to imposing a mandatory malpractice insurance requirement on Washington lawyers. To me, it appears to be a solution in search of a problem, which will burden many and benefit few. In my own limited experience, the only client of mine who ever sought my assistance in seeking out a malpractice attorney (to pursue a claim against his former counsel) was able to obtain contingent fee representation, even though his former counsel did not carry malpractice insurance. While that is a single anecdote, I am skeptical of claims that there are a significant number of aggrieved clients who are unable to obtain redress simply because attorneys are not mandated to carry malpractice insurance.

Sincerely,
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