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Dear Supreme Court,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed change in caseload standards for public defenders. As a Legal Secretary with experience in the court system, I have witnessed firsthand the immense pressure and challenges faced by public defenders due to their current workload.

The current caseload model is unsustainable and compromises the quality of representation that our clients deserve. Overburdened public defenders are more likely to experience burnout, which can negatively impact their ability to provide effective legal counsel. Additionally, the prospect of such a demanding workload may deter talented attorneys from pursuing public defense careers, leading to a shortage of qualified professionals in this critical area.

I urge the court to adopt the proposed caseload standards. By doing so, the court will not only improve the well-being of public defenders but also enhance the quality of justice for all. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Best Regards,

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