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To whom it may concern,

I recently learned of the proposed amendments to the Court Rules regarding Public Defense in Washington State. While I understand the issues facing the system as a former criminal justice worker, I don't enjoy the prospect of cases being dismissed because of lacking resources or low caseload thresholds. Washington is already in the midst of a crisis of low accountability at the local level. We don't need more criminal cases dismissed because of the issues in public defense. Please reconsider these amendments and how they will affect the citizenry rather than just the court's employees.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen.