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Hello. As a resident of the state I want to voice my support for updating the caseload standards for Public Defense in Washington.

These changes are needed and necessary to ensure some of the most vulnerable people in our society are adequately represented. They're also essential to ensure that folks doing the work are able to actually have lives and families. To ask public servants to give literally everything to the work is unfair.

Please codify the new caseload standards so that the workers and the representatives get an appropriate amount of time to work together. 11 hours of case time is an affront to our justice system and leads to so many failures.

Thank you for your time.  
-Billy Wellen