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## Hello,

This email is to inform you we are against the about to be instituted reduction of public defender caseload bill until we have an alternate solution besides dismissals and decriminalization. Washington State has already "passed" the cost of institutionalization on to tax payers by our absorption of property crime increases against our property, and all of the necessary increase of social services. We cannot keep on this path. It's unsustainable.

Thank you, Bridget Battistoni On the go with my iPhone