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Greetings:

I am writing to **strongly urge the Supreme Court to support the proposed amendment to the court rules regarding Standards of Indigent Defense.** The 5th and 6th Amendments are fundamental. Everyone accused of a crime has the right to competent and zealous representation. The improved caseload standards adopted by WSBA are essential to improving the rights of everyone in Washington and will set a benchmark for the rest of the country. I know certain counties are concerned about the financial impact of these new standards. However, a fair and just criminal justice system requires that everyone accused of a crime receive due process – something that these standards will improve.

Thank you,

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