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Hello,

I spent 4 years working as a public defender in King County before leaving last summer to work in the nonprofit sector. One of the reasons that I left public defense was the unreasonable caseloads. The current high caseloads can prevent effective representation and contribute to burnout in the profession. I support the proposed lower caseload standards.

Thank you,
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