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Good afternoon—

I am an attorney who has been practicing criminal defense in Washington (and elsewhere) for over twenty-five years. I worked at The Defender Association handling public defense cases early on in my career. Due to the caseloads, it quickly became clear to me that there were only two ways I could make a career in public defense: to sacrifice every aspect of the rest of my life so that I could devote all my energies to my cases or to resign myself to offering very much sub-par, incompetent and generally inattentive representation in most of my cases, picking and choosing only a handful to which I could devote appropriate skill and effort. Neither option was acceptable, so I quit public defense despite the fact that I fully embrace and support the indigent right to defense in criminal cases. Passing the proposed changes to CrR 3.1 will be a step in the right direction to fulfilling the constitutional requirements of the Sixth Amendment and safeguarding defendants' rights by attracting and retaining adequate numbers of qualified and dedicated public defense attorneys.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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