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Dear Justices,

My name is Daniel Marks. I have been a Washington resident and voter since I came to the state in 2006. I am writing to voice my support in the court adopting the WSBA public defense caseload standards.

I am the son of two attorneys and have several dear friends in public defense, so I have seen how they are overworked while simultaneously raising families and doing their best to live their lives. Improving the standards is a step forward in addressing many of the systemic issues in our criminal justice system. The current system is broken. With fewer cases to handle, the public defender can do right by their clients more effectively if they have more time to handle them. Please modernize these standards which will help protect the constitutional rights of all Washingtonians, while improving the lives of those serving our state as public defenders to reduce burnout. It's a win-win.

Thank you,
Daniel Marks