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Please don't make public defenders inaccessible to those that need them. Crime and safety is already a huge problem in our state, especially in the greater Seattle area, and releasing criminals because there are no public defenders available will only make it worse. The job of the judicial system is to hold criminals accountable and bring justice for victims. Please don't make laws that work directly counter to making this happen! I, as a single mom, don't feel safe going to the grocery store after dark anymore. This never used to be a problem. I worry for the safety of my children as they get older and will want to do more things independently.

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