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## Dear Washington State Supreme Court:

I am contacting you to voice my support for the call to reduce and fund lower caseload caps. In listening to meetings of Whatcom County's Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force, I have been able to learn from various discussions that individuals in need of public defenders, as well as the public defenders themselves, have been facing desperate situations due to an overwhelming need for services that has not been being met for quite some time.

Each person who needs a public defender should be able to obtain one and to get a just and ethical level of service. Additionally, public defenders should have the support and resources in their work they need to provide those services without creating hardships for themselves and demands on them that cannot be met.

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