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I want to write to share my support for standards that would decrease caseloads for defense attorneys. As a former public defense attorney, I know the weight carried by defense attorneys who have a large role in ensuring that the legal system doesn't result in a miscarriage of justice. It is of the utmost importance that we ensure case loads are low enough for attorneys to be effective and that the attorneys that do this work zealously represent their clients. I myself left defense work in part because the caseloads were too high and unworkable and I knew the clients deserved more. I know others who have left public defense work for the same reason. You can retain attorneys that do good work with high caseloads. There will be a cost, but that cost is worth ensuring people's constitutional rights are protected.

I urge you to move forward with the caseload standards for defense attorneys.

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