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This is an egregious decision to put forward in Washington state. With the limitations our law enforcement already have you will now limit the ability to hold criminals accountable for their actions? This state needs to look at adding more public defenders or providing mental health assistance for those who are in need. Buying them off from committing crimes is not the answer it will only cause more issues and this decision will have a major impact on the justice system as a whole. Limiting the amount of cases a public defender can have is not the right response. Crimes won't stop because they have no representation it will only increase because they know it will be dismissed because of the lack of public defenders. It's a get out of jail free card essentially so the crime but we will just let you go. This needs some serious consideration before even being adopted into law.

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