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To whom it may concern...

I have chosen to contact you on this item because of this bad idea of limiting the cases of Public Defenders.

While I acknowlege the Public defenders do a great job at dealing with the load...bit limiting their case loads even more...in the wake of the epic level increase in crime in the state due to lackluster policies that restrict actions that can be taken by entities that suffer these crimes...it is NOT the time to limit the case loads. Instead...I think the state has enough funding....after COVID and a few other things...to do WHAT IS NEEDED TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD...

We need to hire more lawyers to help...NOT limit the existing ones even more!

The money is there...provided it is not siphoned off to other ridiculous uses...uses that do not help the state deal with the problem. Plus there is an excess of \$1 Billion in unspent COVID relief funds that could hire a good number of lawyers.

As a taxpayer of over 5 decades...I am not happy with the course the state has been going...since the 80s on. This is NOT Southern California...and we do not need policies that are similar to what has already failed there.

Thank you for your time

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