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Dear Justices, please use your power to weaken authoritarianism in our criminal justice system by reducing public defender case loads. Police are abusing their authority and illegally harassing and arresting people for actions that are not crimes or are simple fabrications of corrupt police officers. Take the "hate crime" charges for a peace in Palestine sticker at McDonald's for an example.

A crucial aspect of justice is allowing defense attorneys to have plenty of time to argue their cases. This is key to police accountability and legal justice.

Please make it happen.

Sincerely, Jeff Fernandes