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Dear Supreme Court: I am writing in full support of the proposal to reduce public defender caseloads. It is required that accused poor people have effective counsel. Public defenders are effective when caseloads are reasonable, not extraordinary. The Court has the responsibility to keep public defender caseloads within reason. A lawyer cannot juggle a hundred felony clients or three hundred misdemeanor clients because each client also has the right to a speedy trial, and many wait in jail for a trial, making speedy trial even more critical for them. A fair trial and a speedy trial requires that defender caseloads be such that an attorney can reasonably and effectively represent the accused. Thank you for considering my comment. Jim Salvator, Attorney at Law.