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Dear Justices of the Supreme Court of Washington State,

I am writing to express my strong support for the measures being implemented to improve public defense felony attorneys' work-life balance. As the wife of a public defender and mother of two young girls, I see firsthand the challenges my husband faces with a demanding caseload. Having a more manageable caseload would not only allow him to continue providing the high level of dedication and advocacy he brings to his clients, but it would also help him maintain a healthy balance between his professional duties and his role as a father and husband. It would ensure that while he continues to give his best at work, he also has the time and energy to be present with his family.

I deeply appreciate your efforts to address this issue and hope these changes will continue to be a priority for the wellbeing of both the attorneys and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn de Peyster