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I recently heard about this proposal and I understand the intent is to reduce the case load of public defenders but the consequence of this proposal will be an absolute increase in crime. Consequence is a theme your profession is supposed to have a good understanding of as well as convey an understanding of to criminals that often don't have the foresight to examine. I'm concerned that you are also not evaluating the consequence of this proposal or if so then you may be thinking the consequence of more crime is acceptable. It is not. We are already experiencing a significant level of crime due to misguided policies where the consequences are overlooked in pursuit of political agendas. Decriminalizing theft and illegal immigration are two that immediately come to mind. Releasing extremely dangerous pedophiles from McNeil Island is another one. Many of us feel that these actions are crimes against us and we are witnessing the complete weaponization of our institutions against the legal citizenry. This proposal is just that, an act of collusion between the BAR Association and the Supreme court to knowingly take actions that will increase the general suffering of the citizens of Washington despite their oaths to the contrary.

This will add more weight to the argument the the Supreme Court is no longer capable of interpreting the laws in a manner resulting in justice. Justice is supposed to matter and this proposal abandons justice. If you abandon justice, we will end up getting it ourselves. That is the growing public sentiment. Be responsible and reject this proposal.

John Tully A concerned citizen