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Hello, I'm writing out of extreme concern regarding the proposal of Standards for Indigent Defense Services by the Washington State Bar Association. It is clear that this proposal would cause public defenders to take significantly less cases, which would result in many crimes not being taken to court. Un-punished and unpoliced crime in Washington has been surging since the movement to defund the police, and it's widely publicized that crimes of various natures (violent, theft, property..) have escalated. Drastically reducing the cap on cases that public defenders can accept in a year will obviously positively correlate to more criminals remaining on the streets, and more losses incurred by and harm done to innocent citizens. Is that really what law abiding citizens deserve? Why would we enact policies designed to let the criminals win?

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