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Dear Justices:

I am a former Washington resident of 36 years. I am writing to voice my support in the Court adopting the WSBA public defense caseload standards.

Public defenders are overworked and improving the standards is a step forward in addressing many of the systemic issues that plague our criminal justice system. The current system is broken. I strongly encourage you modernize these standards which will go great lengths to protect the constitutional rights of all Washingtonians.

They will also help improve the lives of those serving our state as public defenders and reduce burnout. Public defenders are vital and should be treated as such.

Thank you,

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