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I am writing today in support of lowering case loads for public defenders. This will benefit both individual defendants and the greater society.

A well funded public defense makes sure that a single criminal charge doesn't lead to repercussions which makes it nearly impossible for many at risk people to get their life together. For example, criminal charges alone often lead to people becoming homeless and/or losing jobs.

Society benefits since a well funded public defense takes away one of a defendants biggest argument on appeal: ineffective assistance of counsel.

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