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Hello

I would like to comment on the possible reduction of the public defender caseload. As a 20 year police officer my opinion is that this would be a mistake. I currently work in the City of Kennewick and we have a shortage of public defenders. Lowering the case load would make it so less people are held accountable for their actions and greatly reduce public safety.

Thank you
Kenny Melone