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Dear Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court,

I am writing to strongly urge you to adopt the proposed court rule to codify WSBA's Criminal Caseload Standards for Public Defenders. These caseload standards are essential to protecting and improving the rights of the most marginalized and vulnerable.

I work as a public defender in Detroit, Michigan where my colleagues and I have been trying to enact similar caseload standards. I have many friends who live in the great state of Washington including several who work as public defenders there. It would be great to see Washington pave the way for other states to enact criminal caseload standards.

Sincerely,

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