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Dear Honorable Justices,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed change to the National Public Defense Workload Case Standards. I am a paralegal and have been working in public defense for 17 years, my entire career being at Snohomish County Public Defender Association. Public Defenders are overburdened with caseloads. The demands are unrealistic. I have witnessed incredible defenders, who are fully committed to this work, burn out from the weight and stress of the job.

Adopting these new standards are essential to protecting and improving the rights of our community's most marginalized and vulnerable. The new standards would greatly improve our society, as whole. Lowering caseloads would allow more effective representation of our clients, as well as ensure defenders have the bandwidth to maintain their own mental health.

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,  
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