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Honorable Justices,

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposal put forward by the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) to limit the number of cases for our Public Defenders.

Please consider hiring more public defenders as a solution to the high case load. This means making sure that public defenders are paid comparably to prosecuting attorneys so that the position attracts more quality applicants.

Where would the money come from to increase the pay and the number of public defender hires? If we agree that keeping citizens safe is a top priority, then we should budget based on that priority.

How we spend our money should always be a function of our values.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to keep Washington citizens safe and criminals accountable.

Sincerely,

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