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Good morning,

I am writing today in support of reducing public defense case load standards. Experienced defense attorneys who are committed to their work are quitting at alarming rates because of burnout from high case loads and feeling like they can't provide adequate representation to clients because of high case loads. Making this change will address this attrition crisis AND ensure that that people have high quality representation. Under high case loads, attorneys are more likely to make mistakes, defendants wait years for trials, and survivors of crime suffer from long waits for closure.

Everyone would benefit from this rule change and I believe it should be approved.

Thank you,

Louisa Fish-Sadin