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Dear Supreme Court:

The recent proposal to modify the way criminal cases are filed, and defended, in Washington state is a very bad idea.

A). We need more prosecutors, not less. If we stop enforcing the law, then bad actors immediately realize there is no penalty for any bad acts they undertake. The result of this would be more bad acts, more heart ache, more breakdown in society, more violence.

B). Nothing in this proposal addresses the victims of bad acts. Further, victims will resort to taking the law into their own hands. This multiplies violence and confrontations, rather than minimizing it.

C). Replacing crime prosecutions with basic minimum income, does not decrease criminal activity significantly. All it does is reduce accountability and increase costs. It has failed everywhere it has been tried. This does not solve crime levels; it simply compounds the problem of bad actors, and distorts the crime statistics.

D). Since covid is for the most part behind us, our state budget has grown and grown. Tax receipts have grown. We have the money. Hire more prosecutors in order to provide a deterrent to bad actors and their bad activities. We don't want our cars and bicycles stolen, our houses broken into into, our children trafficked, our family members raped, our teenagers shot from gang activity, our politicians bribed, our businesses robbed or intimidated, our religious beliefs or places of worship attacked, our streets and schools and neighborhoods unsafe from predators and violence prone individuals.

Let's restore personal accountability, and thereby reduce bad activities and crime for doing bad

acts. We do that by reinforcing prosecutions, not by reducing the number of prosecutions and prosecutors.

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