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Against Indigent Rules Changes

I am a retired citizen of Clallam County. I live in fear of the crime in our community and the lack of law enforcement protecting the rights of average citizens. Our courts are already revolving doors for many criminals because of the lack of police, jail personnel and enough lawyers to ensure a fair and speedy trial. I will give you an example from my own neighborhood. A home on a cul de sac, in a nice neighborhood, which Justice Owens might well know, was purchased by a convicted child pornographer. Because the home was too close to the high school and a citizen complained, he bought the house across the street which was just far enough away to circumvent violation to the law. He now felt the neighbors were picking on him, so he rented both houses to Serenity House, a local homeless shelter who is using both houses to place drug addicts, some with violent criminal pasts, who are not able to go into their facility. The neighbors have been suddenly plagued with thefts, attempted break-ins and harassment by the occupants of these two homes. Our police will do nothing but cruise by and said it won't do any good to arrest them because they will be back on the streets in 24 hrs! One of our neighbors is so upset he has posted signs that any trespasser on his property will be shot. We are being forced to arm ourselves, have security cameras and remove everything from tricycles to barbecues in our yards. I fear for this hard working father of two small children who is just trying to protect his family from criminal activity.

By reducing the number of cases that public defenders can handle by 2/3 s in the next few years will ensure that we have more criminals on the streets, not more attorneys.

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