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Justices of the Court,

I am writing in support of the proposed indigent defense standards.

An important part of the legal system is for the people to have the ability to retain adequate representation if they need it. In fact, our justice system demands this.

According to the Washington State Bar Association and its Council on Public Defense: "Public defense in Washington is facing a crisis of attrition and an inability to recruit staff brought about by excessive workloads and poor compensation. Attorneys are resigning from the public defense profession in droves because they cannot continue the work given the volume of cases," (Summary of requested amendments from www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo)

The crisis represented above would not be beneficial to the people who need representation. The time period for these standards appears to be very reasonable. These standards will be an important part of the people's right to be represented fairly and adequately.

Please adopt the proposed standards.

Respectfully,

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