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## Hello,

I am writing to you in support of the Proposed Standards for Indigent Defense. Public defenders are overburdened with caseloads which can lead to burnout. Approving the Proposed Standards for Indigent Defense would positively impact this. Prosecuting attorneys are able to decide what cases they pursue, so the oppositions first talking point to this does not make sense. The strain on public defense attorneys is too great and action needs to be taken.

Respectfully,

Rachel Wildeson