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Hello,

I believe that the new public defense standards would have a huge positive impact, and I strongly support them.

I think it would be a step in the right direction to solving many of the crises that plague our public defense system. Under current caseloads, many lawyers and support staff are unable to spend the time and effort required to properly defend and support their clients. Good, qualified professionals are leaving the field or simply choosing not to enter due to the low pay and high caseload. With an improved caseload and support staff, I do believe that more people will choose to enter and stay in this profession. And to be clear, it is primarily the defendants who suffer in this broken system; WA state residents and others are not being fairly and sufficiently represented in our legal system when their lawyers' caseloads are this high.

Please vote for the new standards for indigent defense.

Thank you,
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