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The average case load of Public Defenders in Wasington is much too high.

However, the Supreme Court should NOT approve the Washington Bar Association proposal to limit the case load of Public Defenders. Doing so is to rob the courts of their constitutional authority and responsibility. It would also endanger the citizens of Washington by allowing criminals to avoid prosecution and thereby prevent citizens from living the freedoms guaranteed by the constitution.

This is an economic and funding issue. The LEGISLATURE should mandate Public Defender case loads and allocate state-level funds to the counties so they may hire more Public Defenders.

The SOLUTION is NOT to dismiss more cases due to Public Defender case load.

The SOLUTION is to hire more Public Defenders.

Thank you considering my voice in this important matter.

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