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Honorable Justices:

I respectfully ask that you enact the proposed changes to CrR 3.1 and CrRLJ 3.1 and enact the decreased caseload standards for public defenders.

I have been working in public defense for four years, my entire legal career. I started in a municipal court, then went to a district court, and now I represent people in felonies and on RALJ appeals. I work in Mason County. The current caseload standard makes it hard for me to make sure my clients get the attention they deserve on their cases, and that I am able to do the work that each individual needs. The caseload standards as they are today cause harm for me, but they cause more harm for my clients. Attorneys need fewer cases because we need more time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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