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To whom it may concern-

I was advised of the proposed changes that could be happening for the Public Defense Standards and wanted to voice my concerns. I am a Major Crimes Detective for the Whatcom County Sheriff Office. With the proposed standards this would force victims/ survivors to wait even longer. I currently have a trial that is about to go for an Incest, Child Rape 1st and Child Molestation 1st that is from over 3 years ago. The victims have to relive what they endured, but they will finally have some closure. If this new standard passes, we are asking our victims to wait even longer. Their trial and closure will be delayed significantly. I want to voice my opinion that I don't believe it is rights to ask that of our victims wait even longer for that closure. This isn't giving them the justice they deserve. Most of my cases involve children. Children that have suffered significant trauma and not allowing them to have their voice back. I am willing to discuss this further if needed, but for now I am asking you to not make this Standard.

Thank you for your time,
Detective Samantha Robinson

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