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To Whom it May Concern:

As a Benton County homeowner in Richland, I would like to respectfully urge the Washington Supreme Court to approve the proposed changes to public defense standards as adopted by WSBA in March.

I oppose Benton County Prosecutor Eisinger's stance and reject the notion that any limitation to public defenders caseload is a detriment to the people of Benton County. Benton County holds a tax income reserve from its Criminal Justice Tax initiative that voters approved in August 2014 that could be used to pay for more attorneys.

Please approve the proposed changes to public defenders case loads and keep Washingtons justice system on a progressive path forward.

Thank you,

Steve Roberts
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