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Dear Justices:

I was a long time Washington Resident (25 years). I am writing to voice my support in the court adopting the WSBA public defense caseload standards.

Public defenders are very overworked, and the public defense system is on the verge of collapse. Improving the standards is a step forward in addressing many of the systemic issues that continue to plague our justice system. The current system is broken. I strongly encourage you to modernize these standards, which will go great lengths to protect the constitutional rights of all Washingtonians.

Public defenders connect vulnerable people to treatment and housing, which has been demonstrated to rescue recidivism. Improving these stands will make Washington safer.

They will also help improve the lives of those service our state as public defenders and reduce burnout.

Thank you,

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