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To whom it may concern,

I am a criminal defense attorney. I work for a large firm that has tremendous overhead to account for every month. With those needs, as an associate, in order to secure my position I need to bring in a certain amount of fees. To meet that requirement, I have been pushed into other areas of law. I enjoy working at my firm and the other areas are interesting. However, as I started with, I am a criminal defense attorney. Criminal defense is what I love to do and what I have dedicated my life to practicing. However, it's not uncommon knowledge that few people accused of crimes have the resources to defend themselves with a private defense attorney who can pay my firms fees. In order to keep my skills as a defense attorney sharp and continue to improve I need to be taking Public Defense cases. I want to be taking those cases. Those who qualify for the Public Defender's help need me to take these cases. I can't take these cases at the current rate because I will lose my job if I do.

Please consider carefully the arguments of the WACDL petition. This is a true need in the State of Wisconsin. While the cost may be significant, the risk of people who need our help and who are constitutionally entitled to it not being allowed access because we can't take the cases far exceeds that cost.

Very Sincerely,  
Ryan J. Moertel

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