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Good Afternoon

Please accept this brief e-mail in support of raising the SPD hourly \$40.00 rate for the representation of indigent defendants.

I am attorney for 30 years of continuous experience as a defense attorney and for the past 9|+ years serve as an elected municipal judge for the community I reside in, and anticipate that you are familiar with the many reasons attorneys, legislators, and residents have brought to your attention. That said, there is one compelling if not overwhelming reason why this rate must be increased and that is:

Whether you are person of means or indigent or anywhere in between, it is expected that the lawyer working for you is giving his/her best effort to represent the client, and when the hourly rate is so remarkably low (i.e. as it is in the state of Wisconsin) there is truly no objective for a lawyer to put in the time, effort, and commitment to effectively represent a person accused of a crime, which is shameful.

Thank you for your consideration.

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