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Gentlemen,

Some of you have already received this message, but I want to make sure you all have it. It is with great displeasure that I share the below email with you. We are reinstituting the "No File" list that I was so proud to abandon in 2015 when I first took office. Our caseloads are unmanageable now. The DV team is down to three lawyers for the next three months, one of them with very little experience. I need to free up some capacity to make sure we are keeping people safe first and foremost. The Public Defender's Office has more staff and better funding than my office and yet their situation is called a "crisis."

I have lost two Senior Prosecutors and one four year DDA in the last eight months to DOJ. The County does not use DOJ as a comparator in setting the salary scale and I cannot blame making the choice they made for smaller caseloads and more money. I have had the treatment court position posted for months without a single applicant.

Until the Lane County Board of Commissioners prioritizes public safety and adequately funds the public safety system, we will continue to see crime rates rise and consequences diminish as barely trained up lawyers are hired away. I am not proud to be a part of this failing of our communities, but I cannot afford to lose more lawyers. Not that this will prevent the loss of more lawyers, it will just keep the ones who stay from drowning.

I am happy to discuss this with you, particularly if you have suggestions and solutions to help us through.

Best regards,

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