



Proposed remedy gives too much deference to private enterprise

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As a criminal defense attorney and concerned citizen, I was interested in the commentary [“A solution exists for Missouri’s indigent defense crisis”](#) (May 18). But the proposed solution disregards or dismisses some basic aspects of the problem.

My confusion cleared when I noticed the author’s affiliation with the Cato Institute. Other current initiatives of the institute include removing government from public schools, privatizing Social Security and the deregulation of water resources, all in deference to private enterprise, the solution to all our social and economic problems. The institute’s proposal to remedy Missouri’s indigent defense crisis is more of the same.