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To: Faulk, Camilla
Subject: APR 28

To the members of the Washington State Supreme Court,

I write to you today in support of proposed APR 28 - Legal Technicians Rule that is currently in consideration.

I am pursuing a paralegal degree and am very interested in making a difference in my community. Personally I think this rule will have a profound effect on low-income families that have little or no access to the justice system. To my understanding a legal technician would assist pro-se litigants with accurate information and provide correct and relevant forms. I believe that this proposed rule is truly for the benefit of those who fall in a low-income category in our state who would otherwise not be able to hire an attorney.

One of the things that most impressed me about the proposed rule was that of the requirements for certification. For example completing an associate degree program or other paralegal/legal assistant program is required. Further more two years of experience, twenty hours of pro bono experience, an oath, and examination are also essential. I am very confident with the requirements of schooling, experience, and testing to become a legal technician. I believe that legal technicians would be a competent benefit to pro-se litigants and a great asset to the legal community.

Sincerely,
Melinda Payne

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