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I'm writing to express my support for the proposal to ease restrictions for military spouse attorney licenses.

I was a military spouse for 20 years. I graduated from Michigan Law School and WA was my first state of residence. I took and passed the bar in Washington. We moved less than a year later. In 6 years I took and passed 4 Bar Exams before finally giving up practicing, because by that time we had unsustainable amounts of debt.

Military spouses who pass the Bar in one state are highly likely (as with other populations who pass the Bar) to succeed in Washington. Their service to our country and the sacrifice of so many professional and personal comforts warrants this limited exception to your rule. It is a small price to pay for Washington, but can make a career's worth of difference to members of our military family. Thank you for listening.

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