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I support the proposed changes to APR 3 allowing limited licensure of military spouse attorneys in Washington. I am an attorney in Washington. I am also a military spouse, and had to take the full WA bar exam when my husband was stationed at JBLM in 2007, and I had to leave my practice in Washington, DC.

I know first-hand that US military families are subjected to heavy burdens from frequent moves around the world. Anything Washington can do to support military family professional licensure I support. These changes will help bring Washington in line with the 33 other states that adjust military spouse licensure.

In my experience, attorney admission by motion has helped contribute to the growth of the legal profession and its diversity. I expect that expansion to military spouses will further help reduce the legal needs going unmet in Washington.

Thank you,
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