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I'm dismayed to learn our Supreme Court wants to reduce people's access to legal services by eliminating the LLLT program. If anything, this program should be expanded, so any and all people can get guidance for all kinds of matters that don't rise to the level of necessitating paying the exorbitant prices lawyers charge. I am not poor, but recently had a property dispute issue for which I could have used the guidance of a knowledgeable LLLT person. I didn't need, nor could I justify paying a lawyer for this, even if I could afford it.

Cutting back on such services is akin to what is happening in states bent on limiting voting opportunities and rights. In a democracy!! It's selfish and unconscionable! Do we want this in our state, too? Making it difficult, if not impossible for any and all people to get advice on simple (non-litigated) matters shows that the members of the court are not functioning in the interest of our state's citizens. They are just out to protect lawyers' pocketbooks. It's narrow-minded, bigoted, and disgusting.

Thankfully, the medical field has come to realize having physician assistants and nurse practitioners enhances our health care system, frankly, is essential to meeting the medical needs of our society. The legal profession needs to take their lead and do the same with an LLLT program expansion.

I urge you to revive and expand the LLLT program.

Sincerely,
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