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Please print this email for the Justices as well as the attachment:
I am attaching the Link for the Court, should you want to "see for yourselves" the amount of real people that are opposed to the sunsetting of this program. <http://chnng.it/kssKm2By>
I am attaching the comments that are on the petition to date. They are not just current LLLT's, students in the "current" cohort but people who have also had a LLLT assist them, people who had no idea prior to the information showing up on Change.org that the program ever existed and a few attorneys who believe in this program. Don't throw out a program that is working until something else can be developed. This program has taken years to develop, not only by the legal advocates that are involved in the **LLLT Board** but the attorneys who have put hours into the research for the Access to Justice study the court requested.
There is a need for this program and people are trying to show you, respectfully, the continuation and expansion of this program would be better than just abandoning the public it assists! The diversity of the people in the program is incredible and they will advocate for people with English as a second language, which is a major issue in the research that was done. The dedication of people who have been involved in this program's development, including **Paula Littlewood**, Professors at **University of Washington School of Law, Edmonds College, Whatcom College** and many others involved in making the core curriculum required by the court available. They can't even phase out this program in the required time period because there was not that much time

allowed. Let's not forget the over 247 people. that we know of, who were "in the pipeline" when the decision was made.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please see the following comments to the on-line petition: (I have edited and taken out the last names of the individuals. As the creator of the petition, I am only providing them to you for your awareness and information. You have seen the information provided in the petition that they are speaking to. These were comments as of April 27, 2021.) If you would like to see them, as they are on the petition, the link has been provided in the email:

This program needs to continue period. ~Dianna

I am in the last cohort to become a LLLT. I want to see easier access to justice for those that cannot afford it. ~Shana

Facts: 98% of pro se Family Law clients in Cowlitz County have no representation assistance. 97% of DV/SV have no representation options in Cowlitz and surrounding counties.

Truth: The same day that the Supreme Court touted awareness of the need for access to justice and BLM, the Supreme Court unanimously, secretly, behind closed doors, decided to "sunset" the LLLT program. Let's call it as it is. The Supreme Court decided to KILL the LLLT career path 275+ students were currently in.

As a Person of Color like several of the Supreme Court Justices, I do not understand this decision. It leans toward sabotaging Access to Justice.

Do you know what "sunsetting" alludes to? Sending someone to die. A death brought on by the government in control of the people of the time to control population control over the unwanted dregs of society. Look up Edward G. Robinson and the sunseting of his life in the movie Soylent Green. Or the South Park take on the same scene...Google that...the Thanksgiving special...Gobbles.... We cannot silence the voice of the voiceless! We must not give in to the tyranny of government officials that are disconnected from their constituents.

LLLTs are required to have 1500 hours of on the ground training. It was 3000 before the sunseting but due to shortening the time path it had to be reduced to 1500...which is standard for other similar programs. Lawyers do not.

LLLTs are required to carry malpractice insurance. Lawyers are not.

In a time of excessive student loan debt the entire LLLT path costs 15k compared to 150k a law student has to dish out.

The majority of the current LLLTs have been loyal paralegals for 10+ years or longer...doing the grunt work...they know the work.

The LLLTs that are on the collegiate path have jumped through every obstacle and

hurdle thrown at them.

Please support the SUNRISING of the LLLT program.

Washingtonians deserve it! ~Synth

Addressing the racial and economic inequities involved in our legal system is very important! ~Karen

Everyone deserves legal representation no matter their means! ~Jean

Everyone deserves support navigating the justice system. Even relatively small matters can mushroom into financial and family catastrophes without accessible, affordable guidance and legal navigation. This program is a step in the right direction, and should be expanded, not canceled. Especially without public input!

~Anastacia

Access to an LLLT made a huge difference in my life. ~Gloria

Everyone needs access to legal help. ~Darlene

People are in need of legal representation. ~Noelle

Keeping the LLLT program is important. ~Leisa

I believe in making legal services more accessible. ~Shannon

Affordable legal services are needed in many areas of the system. Don't get rid of this program. Reform it. ~Joslin

As a licensed Mental Health Counselor, I saw many clients who needed legal help and couldn't afford traditional legal fees. They would have greatly benefitted from working with a LLLT. Continuing the LLLT license is a way to help address racial and economic injustice in our legal system and support healthy legal outcomes in family law matters. ~Penelope

Affordable, professional legal services are lacking in our country! ~Elissa

Safe, well-informed, affordable legal advice needs to be accessible to all. ~Heather

I'm signing because not all of us work at Microsoft and makes 6 figures a year. I'm signing it because not everyone is here to cut throat the other parent. I for one am one of them. We need this program. ~Kristine

This is very needed in all States!!! ~Judie

I needed this support with DV, child custody and divorce as a displaced home maker. I need these low-income legal supports as a case manager for immigration, eviction mitigation, BECCA, DVS, and fair housing to name a few, please do not take this valuable resource away. ~Bonnie

My son had to pay a lot just to see his kids. He lives in Idaho, no choice. ~Judy
Affordable legal services are needed by the communities you serve. Without the LLLT program, the community is stripped of its ability to obtain needed family law services. ~Cherie

Every Washingtonian deserves professional and affordable access to the legal system. ~Andrew

I am LLLT #123. The average cost of a divorce with children in Washington State is 20k. That is out of range for most people. The very few of us that have been licensed cannot keep up with the demand for our services. We need more LLLTs!
~Marya

I have experience than some.... Most... 2 degrees in law... One from here from the US another from Europe. ~Sergiy

I'm a LLLT candidate. I'm becoming a LLLT because poor and modest income folks need a lower cost resource to help with family law issues. The WA State Supreme Court should care about these folks, they wrote a letter claiming they did. A few days after that letter about accessible legal resources for minorities and low-income people they sunset a program that helps. It should be expanded (consumer debt, elder law, landlord/tenant), not removed. ~Michael

A much-needed program that needs to continue! ~Debra