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I was most disappointed and perplexed in your earlier decision made without public input to sunset the Limited License Legal Technician license. Please reverse your previous decision.

Average households in WA State have next to zero hope of affording traditional legal counsel. The LLLTs are well trained, skillful professionals who can fill the gap between those needing pro bono services and those able to afford an attorney. The need for services now is urgent as indicated by the Civil Needs Studies completed by your court in 2002 and in 2015. If the LLLT program needs improvement, Washington State should invest in improving the program. This makes more sense than starting over with an alternative program.

The cost to society is high when people are not treated fairly in court because of lack of legal representation. Further, it's a waste of taxpayer money to have litigants waste the courts' time because they don't know how the system operates.

Lack of access to justice is a national problem. Some states are working to follow our state's lead in providing a viable alternative for those unable to afford an attorney. I urgently request you reverse the decision to sunset the Limited License Legal Technician Program.

Sincerely,

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