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Dear Honorable Supreme Court Justices,

I am writing to urge the Washington State Supreme Court to reverse your decision to sunset the Limited License Technician (LLLT) program and to further expand the LLLT program to cover elder care, health law, landlord/tenant issues, immigration and other practice areas. It is especially ironic and surprising that shortly before sunsetting the LLLT program, the Supreme Court justices issued a letter (June 4, 2020) confronting racial injustice stating: "As lawyers and members of the bar, we must recognize the harms that are caused when meritorious claims go unaddressed due to systemic inequities, or the lack of financial, personal, or systemic support." The LLLT program directly addresses these injustice issues in a very practical way by offering affordable access to important legal services to people who can't afford an attorney, and these people are disproportionately people of color.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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