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Your Honors,

Please reconsider your decision to sunset the Limited License Legal Technician license.

I've had a number of friends and relatives affected by lack of/poor legal assistance during divorce, and witnessed the long-term and sometimes devastating effects on their lives resulting from a shortfall of legal help when they most needed it, because it was unaffordable.

We need to expand accessibility to quality legal help for 'family' issues - already there is a justice gap in our state between the rich and poor, and it will continue to widen if we do not address it. Especially at a time when tensions surrounding justice disparities between the races are boiling over, we need to take concrete actions to improve the situation.

If there are issues with the program they should be fixed rather than disposing of the whole program.

I believe this program also has the capacity to bolster the legal industry in the sense that an LLLT working within a firm can capture a part of the market for the firm that the attorneys cannot or do not want to cater to by dropping their rates.

I hope you will reverse your decision to sunset this program/license.

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