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I encourage you to continue the Limited Legal License Technician (LLLT) Program. Many times people just need some simple legal advice, but they do not want nor can they afford to hire a lawyer to get minor assistance. They can often solve legal problems with an LLLT rather than paying for a full fledged lawyer, who is often overkill for many minor legal problems. Not only do I want you to continue the program, I would like to see you expand the practice areas for LLLTs.

I was excited to learn when I moved to Washington that we had such legal assistance available. A legal program such as this encourages many more people to seek legal advice and pursue justice and equity than do without such a program. Further it enables low income residents (often people of color) to have an option which is affordable for legal assistance for cases that don't require the expertise of a lawyer but do require legal assistance.

I am unclear as to exactly what the practice areas for LLLTs are but I visualize such things as eviction notices, simple wills and powers of attorney, advice on every day legal matters. My understanding is that LLLTs are only licensed for a very limited number of areas. I hope that consideration is being given to expanding the types of issues that LLLTs can service. I assume that if the LLLT feels an issue is outside their level of expertise they recommend the person go to see a lawyer. That is only right.

In this age, we need to ensure that all people have access to justice no matter what their income and race is. This program has expanded legal access for many people who can not afford a lawyer. Shutting it down decreases access to legal assistance. Our country at this point in time can not afford to cut access but rather needs to be expanding it.

Please expand this program. Do not sunset or eliminate it.