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I do not understand why the Supreme Court has decided to abandon the LLLT program. There is a desperate need for affordable access to justice, now more than ever. The program should be expanded, not abandoned, particularly in the area of landlord/tenant issues.

As Chief Justice Barbara Madsen noted, "elimination of the LLLT license, which was created to address access to justice across income and race, is a step backward in this critical work. It is not the time for closing the doors to justice but, instead, for opening them wider."

I urge you to reconsider the LLLT program and support expansion and improvement of the program rather than giving up on it so soon.

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