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Dear Justices,

After 9 years of practicing law in Michigan and Washington, I made a career shift to work on system change related to the well-being of children, youth and families. I worked in that area for over 25 years, which opened my eyes to the disparities in access to legal help, as well as in many other realms. The lack of access to affordable legal advice often leads to a cascading set of costs to people, families and communities. It is unquestioned that these burdens fall primarily on people of color and people living in poverty.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to obtain health care from a physician assistant or nurse practitioner knows how their level of knowledge, care and patience. Similarly, LLLT's can be an excellent and affordable source of legal assistance.

I urge you to expand the LLLT program to other areas of practice and provide significant resources to support that expansion.

To do otherwise is to go backward on various efforts of the Supreme Court to expand access to justice.

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