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Hello,

My name is Nicholas Taylor. I am writing in support of the Court's reconsideration of their decision to sunset the LLLT program. I believe this program is not only a good thing, but a necessary one. As the law becomes more and more intricate and complicated, everyday citizens will become more and more reliant on professionals for legal advice. However, many of these matters do not rise to the level of requiring the skills or costs of an attorney. The LLLT program was an excellent solution.

However, limiting these professionals to only the field of family law seems like a roundabout plan to suffocate the good idea. People need affordable representation in many fields including elder care, immigration, and landlord/tenant disputes. We should be taking steps towards making access more available, not less. I understand the ABA's concern about taking work away from attorneys. However statistics show that within the next five years a large number of attorneys will be retiring. Couple this fact with the years-long decline in law school enrollments and graduates and it appears that there will be more than enough work to go around for those that remain.

As a current student in a paralegal program, the idea of the LLLT gave me something to strive for in my quest to provide legal support to those who normally find it difficult to receive and afford. Please reconsider the plan to sunset the program and instead, broaden its application. The citizens of Washington will be all the better for it.

Regards, Nicholas Taylor