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Re: State Attorneys General Support the Legal Services Corporation

Dear Chair Leahy, Ranking Member Shelby, Chair Shaheen, and Ranking Member Moran,

As state attorneys general, we respectfully request that you consider robust funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in the Fiscal Year 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Since 1974, LSC funding has provided vital and diverse legal assistance to low-income Americans including victims of natural disasters, survivors of domestic violence, families facing foreclosure, and veterans accessing earned benefits. Today, LSC also provides essential support for struggling families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the single largest funder of civil

legal aid in the United States, LSC-funded programs touch every corner of our country with more than 800 offices and a presence in every congressional district.

LSC funding has also fostered public-private partnerships between legal aid organizations and private firms and attorneys across the country which donate their time and skills to assist residents in need. Nationwide, 132 independent nonprofit legal aid programs rely on this federal funding to provide services to nearly two million of our constituents on an annual basis.

We thank you for your efforts to ensure continued funding for LSC. Please know that it makes a real difference in our communities.

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