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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro,
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright,
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt,
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U.S. House of Representatives
266 Cannon House Office
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Re: State Attorneys General Support the Legal Services Corporation

Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chair Cartwright, and
Ranking Member Aderholt,

As state attorneys general, we respectfully request that you make a
robust investment in the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in the Fiscal
Year 2023 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Appropriations bill to provide critical legal assistance to residents in
need across the country.

For nearly 50 years, federal LSC funding has provided essential legal
services to low-income Americans—including families with children,
renters and homeowners, farmers, veterans, the disabled, and the
elderly. Often, LSC-funded programs are the sole source of legal help
for families facing eviction, survivors escaping domestic violence, or
elders fleeced by fraudsters. These sorts of problems have only
increased in the wake of the pandemic. And yet LSC has suffered
from chronic underfunding for years, making it even more urgent to
increase support for legal aid services at this critical moment.

LSC-funded programs touch every state, territory, and congressional district, with 132 independent nonprofit legal programs relying on LSC funding to serve nearly 3 million of our constituents each year. In some states, LSC funds make up more than 80 percent of all legal assistance dollars for those who would otherwise go without an attorney. And we know that this funding is a wise investment. Assessments in states ranging from Louisiana to Indiana to Nevada have shown that funding legal assistance reduces the need for spending in other areas like temporary shelter, emergency medical treatment, and foster care.

We have seen how access to legal representation helps achieve justice for the residents we serve. That is why we urge your continued efforts to meaningfully fund LSC. Thank you in advance for your support.

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

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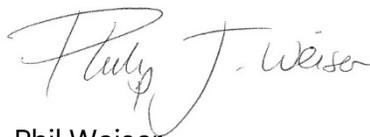
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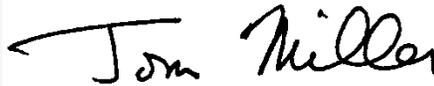
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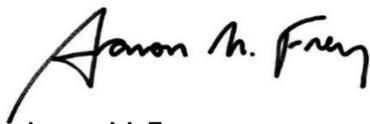
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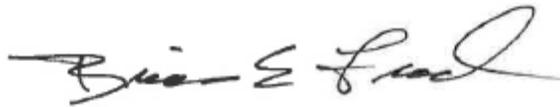
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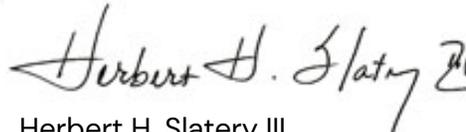
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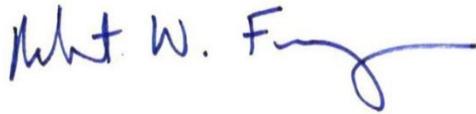
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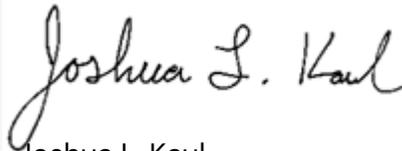
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The Honorable Jerry Moran
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate

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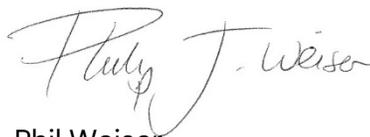
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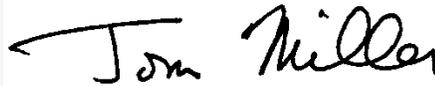
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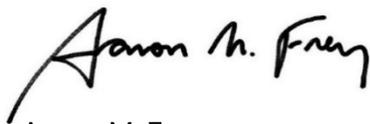
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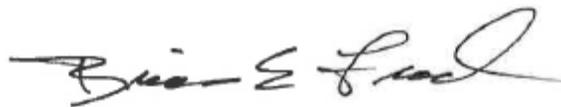
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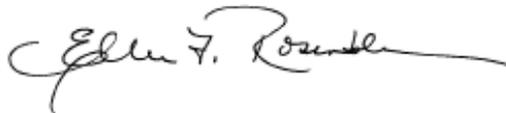
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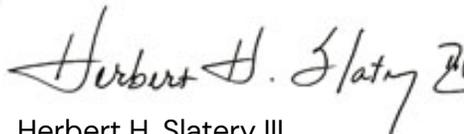
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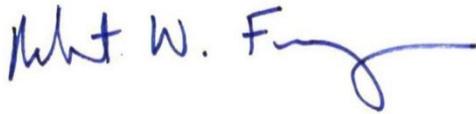
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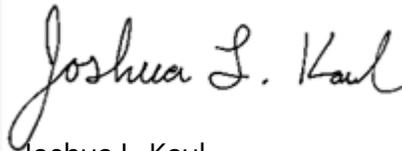
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