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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hal Rogers  
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Subcommittee on Commerce,  
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The Honorable Grace Meng  
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Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member DeLauro, and  
Ranking Member Meng:

The undersigned state attorneys general write to express our strong  
bipartisan support for the Legal Services Corporation (“LSC”) and to  
request continued funding in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Congressional  
investment in LSC is essential to ensure that our legal system works  
for all Americans, not just those who can readily afford lawyers.

As you know, Congress established LSC in 1974 for a purpose that is  
just as noble and necessary today as it was fifty years ago: “providing  
legal assistance to those who face an economic barrier to adequate  
legal counsel will serve best the ends of justice and assist in improving  
opportunities for low-income persons.”

In each of our states, our most under-resourced and vulnerable  
citizens struggle to meet significant civil legal needs. LSC has  
remained an effective and efficient partner in addressing these  
challenges through its network of 129 independent legal aid  
organizations, which operate over 900 offices in all 50 states, the  
District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. LSC distributes almost 95

percent of its federal appropriations directly to these organizations, and their programs assist millions of hardworking Americans every year in every congressional district across the United States. These programs help veterans secure rightful benefits, support disaster victims rebuilding their lives, assist domestic violence survivors seeking safety, and protect seniors from scams and financial exploitation. Some recent examples of the LSC's indispensable work include:

- **Supporting American Veterans and Military Families.** LSC grantees assisted more than 44,000 veterans and their families last year with significant legal challenges, including securing rightful benefits, preventing homelessness, and removing arbitrary employment barriers. Through the Veterans Task Force, LSC has developed comprehensive strategies to better serve the 1.6 million veterans who qualify for assistance.
- **Responding to Natural Disasters.** When a disaster strikes—whether floods, wildfires, hurricanes, or tornadoes—LSC-partnered organizations provide essential legal services to help communities rebuild. In 2025 alone, more than 20.8 millions of Americans in disaster-stricken areas were eligible for LSC-funded services. These programs help survivors navigate multiple paths to get them back on their feet like filing insurance claims, appealing FEMA denials, and replacing vital documents.
- **Preserving Rural Communities.** Twenty percent of Americans live in rural areas where only two percent of attorneys practice. The LSC's Rural Justice Task Force addresses this disparity, ensuring that the ten million rural Americans eligible for legal aid are not denied justice simply based on their ZIP code. Without investment in LSC, many hardworking rural families would have no access to legal assistance when facing life-altering civil legal problems.

Simply stated, LSC is at the frontline for protecting and expanding access to justice throughout America, and it has demonstrated prudent stewardship of taxpayer dollars in providing critical civil legal help to millions of our fellow Americans and their families—help they may not otherwise receive. Studies show that every dollar invested in civil legal aid returns an average of seven dollars in societal benefits, making it a highly effective investment for the federal government.<sup>1</sup>

We recognize the difficult fiscal choices facing Congress and your Committees. As you weigh these important budget priorities for our Nation, we urge your consideration of LSC. We are confident that funding LSC represents a sound investment in the foundational American principle of equal justice under the law.

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<sup>1</sup> Legal Services Corporation. *The Economic Impact of Legal Aid* (2025), available at <https://www.lsc.gov/our-impact/economic-impact>.

Sincerely,



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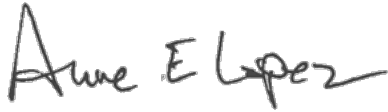
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