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Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for the Legal Services Corporation

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen, Ranking Member Lowey, Chairman Culberson and Ranking Member Serrano,


As state attorneys general, we respectfully request that you consider robust funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in the Fiscal Year 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.


For more than 40 years, LSC funding has helped veterans and military families secure important benefits, supported survivors of domestic violence, and assisted families facing foreclosure, victims of natural disasters, seniors and disabled Americans. Today it is also an essential support for rural and low-income Americans, as well as families affected by opioids and addiction.

As we have seen in our states, supporting LSC fosters longstanding and useful public-private partnerships between legal aid organizations and private firms and attorneys nationwide who donate their time and skills to assist our low-income residents. Across the country, 133 independent nonprofit legal aid programs leverage this federal funding to build collaborations and access *pro bono* services for our residents.

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

Sincerely,


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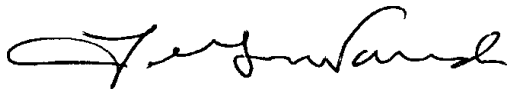
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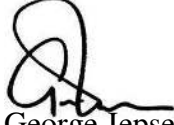
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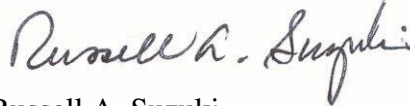
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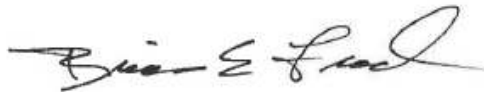
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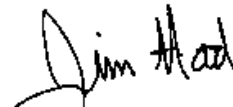
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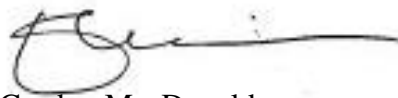
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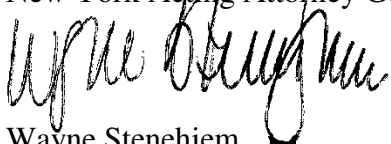
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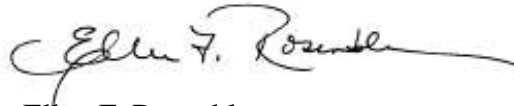
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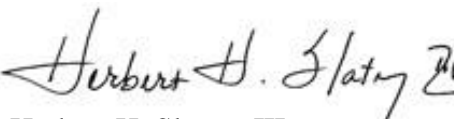
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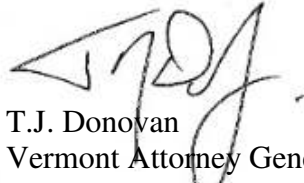
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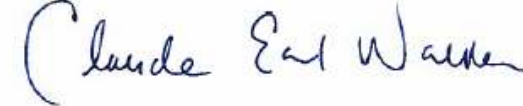
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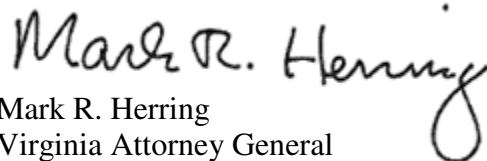
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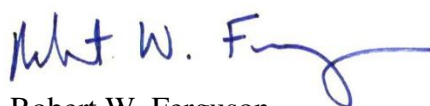
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Brad Schimel
Wisconsin Attorney General