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Dear Texas Delegation:

The State Bar of Texas shares the concerns expressed by bar associations, law firm leaders, law school deans, and judges across the country regarding a federal budget proposal to eliminate funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC).

The LSC, established in 1974, is a nonprofit corporation that provides grants to legal services providers that, in turn, supply civil legal aid to nearly 2 million people each year who could not otherwise afford to hire a lawyer.

In Fiscal Year 2016, the LSC provided a total of \$31,196,205 to Texas' largest legal aid agencies: Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Lone Star Legal Aid, and Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. LSC grants to these agencies ensure that:

- Texas veterans receive critical legal assistance to secure housing and benefits they so richly deserve;
- Those afflicted by natural disasters have help navigating federal programs to rebuild their homes, businesses, and lives; and
- The poorest residents get essential legal guidance to protect themselves and their families from scams on the elderly, wrongful evictions, and abusive domestic situations.

Legal aid programs are not only vital to Texas communities, their work also helps ensure that our country's promise of justice for all—including the least, the last, and the lost—is fulfilled. We urge continued funding and support for the LSC.

Sincerely,

Frank Stevenson, President  
State Bar of Texas

CC: The Honorable John Cornyn  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
U.S. Senate

**The Honorable Louie Gohmert**  
U.S. House of Representatives

**The Honorable Ted Poe**  
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**The Honorable Brian Babin**  
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