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Re: Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Termination, Limited Reductions in Funding

Dear LSC Board of Directors,

We're writing on behalf of the Legal Services Association of Michigan (LSAM) to comment on the proposed rulemaking on termination, limited reductions in funding, recompetition, enforcement and the suspension procedures. LSAM's members are the thirteen largest civil legal services organizations in Michigan.* Our member organizations collectively provide legal services to low-income individuals and families in over 50,000 cases per year.

We support the positions and supporting arguments offered in the comments submitted to the LSC Board of Directors by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA). We are troubled

While we are appreciative of the efforts to date to consider previously-raised concerns, we encourage the continued dialogue with NLADA to ensure a fair process that will address, as opposed to impede

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this important issue impacting access to justice.



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