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Board of Directors
Legal Services Corporation
c/o Mark Freedman, Senior Assistant General Counsel
Office of Legal Affairs
3333 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

RE: Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Termination, Limited Reductions in Funding, and Debarment Procedures; Recompensation; Enforcement; Suspension Procedures

Dear LSC Board of Directors:

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Directors, and their respective programs, that consist the Midwest Project Directors Group, listed below my signature.

We have reviewed the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking captioned above, as well as the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association's written comments addressing the proposed rules. We are of the same opinion as NLADA regarding the proposed rules and submit this letter as an endorsement of the NLADA position.

Sincerely,


Michael O'Connor
Executive Director of Prairie State Legal Services
Chair of Midwest Project Directors Group

On behalf of

Douglas Cummings, East River Legal Services
Cheryl Three Stars Valandra, Dakota Plains Legal Services

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