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## **Attorney General Brown Urges Congressional Leaders to Provide Robust Funding for Legal Services Corporation** *LSC's Critical Work Delivering Legal Services to Low-Income Americans Across the Nation Garner Broad Support from Attorneys General Committed to Equal Access to Justice*

**BALTIMORE, MD (April 30, 2024)** – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown has joined a letter of appeal led by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) urging leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to provide maximum funding for grant-making organization Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in the FY2025 budget.

Each year, LSC awards field grants to a network of nonprofit legal service providers who together extend legal assistance to low-income Americans in every county, state, and territory of the United States. The letter highlights the critical work performed by LSC's grantees across the nation, from our urban centers to our small towns.

“As legal professionals, we have a moral obligation to provide and protect access to justice for those who lack the resources,” **said Attorney General Brown**. “Organizations such as LSC provide vital funding and support to ensure access to justice for millions of underserved and marginalized communities. Along with my fellow attorneys general, I urge Congress to prioritize vital funding for LSC.”

The broad bipartisan appeal to Congress by 39 attorneys general underscores the urgent call for legal services crucial to protecting the homes, health, safety, and economic security of under-resourced Americans who otherwise would not have access to civil justice. LSC-funded programs assist individuals and families who are in the greatest need of services—those whose household incomes fall at or below 125% of federal poverty guidelines and who are facing critical legal challenges. Veterans and military families, struggling renters and homeowners, domestic violence survivors, and rural and elderly Americans are among those vulnerable populations served by LSC.

The letter transmitted by NAAG marks the fourth consecutive year that a sweeping coalition of attorneys general has joined together across party lines to support LSC's request for funding.

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Joining Attorney General Brown in signing this year's letter are the attorneys general of Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Read more about the scope and reach of LSC's work [here](#).

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