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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL URGES CONGRESS TO FUND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
Raoul & 41 AGs Request Robust Funding to Expand Access to Legal Services for
Millions of Americans

Chicago — Attorney General Raoul, as part of a bipartisan coalition of 42 attorneys general, submitted letters yesterday to the [U.S. House](#) and [U.S. Senate](#) Committees on Appropriations to request funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in the fiscal year 2020 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The LSC is a nonprofit legal services organization established by Congress in 1974 to promote equal access to justice for all Americans by funding independent nonprofit legal aid programs across the country. The LSC provides millions of dollars in funding to legal aid organizations that serve and support low-income individuals, veterans and military families, seniors, survivors of domestic violence, victims of natural disasters, and people who have disabilities.

“Access to fair legal representation is a fundamental right under our democracy,” Raoul said. “It is imperative that Congress fund the Legal Services Corporation to protect that right for millions of Americans.”

The LSC distributes more than 90 percent of its funding to 132 independent nonprofit legal aid programs with more than 800 offices. It is headed by a bipartisan board of directors whose 11 members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

Joining Raoul in submitting the letter are attorneys general from Alaska, American Samoa, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.