I think we might as well shut down this bureaucracy. It spends most of the tax dollars on executive administrative salaries, far too high to justify the appropriation. Not enough has gotten through to truly help the poor. It is time to just shut the whole thing down and stop pretending there is any justice for the poor. The lawyers have written the laws so that no poor person can possibly defend himself in the courts of this country. The rich can hire lawyer after lawyer who can buy whatever he wants from the corrupt judges. Justice does not exist. Let's stop pretending with any funding at all of this agency.

Jean public address if required.
reference to the decennial census as the basis
for that determination; (2) funding be reallocated among geographic
areas every three years based on updated poverty population
determinations by the Bureau of the Census; and (3) the first
reallocation be phased in over two years, in Fiscal Year 2013 and
Fiscal Year 2014.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until September 8, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Legal Services Corporation (``LSC'' or
``Corporation'') was established by the United States Congress ``for
the purpose of providing financial support for legal assistance in
noncriminal matters or proceedings to persons financially unable to
afford such assistance.' 42 U.S.C. 2996b(a). LSC performs this
function primarily through providing Federal funding to civil legal aid
programs providing legal services to low-income persons throughout the
United States and its possessions and territories in geographic areas
determined by LSC. Since 1996, the Legal Services Corporation's annual
appropriation has mandated that the Corporation distribute most of its
appropriated funds to basic field programs for LSC-defined geographic
areas so as to provide an equal figure per individual in poverty for
each geographic area. The
appropriation has further mandated that the
number of individuals in poverty in each geographic area be determined
by the Bureau of the Census ``on the basis of the most recent decennial
census.'' (Certain exceptions apply for areas in which other adjusted
population counts have been historically used.) Public Law 104-134,
reference thereafter). Under that mandate, LSC has reallocated funding
every ten years. The 2010 U.S. census,

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however, did not collect poverty population data for the 50 states, the
District of Columbia or Puerto Rico. The Bureau of the Census has other
data for making U.S. poverty population determinations in those areas.

LSC management has proposed to the LSC Board of Directors
(``Board'') that LSC request an update to the statutory mandate in
light of the elimination of poverty data from
almost all of the 2010
census. LSC management has proposed that LSC make recommendations to
the President and to Congress that: (1) The determination of the number
of individuals in poverty in each geographic area be made by the Bureau
of the Census, without any reference to the decennial census as the
basis for that determination; (2) funding be reallocated among
geographic areas every three years based on updated poverty population
determinations by the Bureau of the Census; and (3) the first
reallocation be phased in over two years, in Fiscal Year 2013 and
Fiscal Year 2014.

LSC management presented this proposal to the Board's Operations
and Regulations Committee (``Committee'') on July 20, 2011, which also
received a presentation of recommendations from the National Legal Aid
and Defender Association ("NLADA"). The Committee then presented management's proposal to the full board on July 21, 2011. The Board adopted the recommendation of management and the Committee that LSC publish management's proposal in the Federal Register for comment. The committee will meet to consider all comments received and make a recommendation to the Board for a final decision by early September of 2011.

LSC management's proposal "Management Recommendation on Funding Reallocation Issues" (July 13, 2011) and NLADA's recommendations can both be found at: http://www.lsc.gov/about/mattersforcomment.php.

LSC invites public comment on this issue. Interested parties may submit comments to LSC within 30 days.

Dated: August 3, 2011.
Victor M. Fortuno,
Vice President & General Counsel.

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