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BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

February 26, 2016

Ms. Rebecca Fertig Cohen  
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Re: 2012–2016 Strategic Plan Goals


Dear Ms. Fertig Cohen,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on LSC's strategic plan for the years 2017–2020. We, at the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, write to support the renewal of LSC's three current goals under Strategic Plan 2012–2016.

The three goals listed are sound and timely in light of the historic demand for legal aid which has been compounded by the harmful impact of the Great Recession. In Ohio, the population eligible for civil legal aid has increased from 1.98 million people in 2009 to 2.28 million in 2013, which means 1 in 5 Ohioans qualify for legal aid. Maximizing the availability, quality, and effectiveness of civil legal services; collaborating with others committed to promoting civil legal services; and, achieving the highest standards of fiscal responsibility will promote greater access to justice across the state.

As the statewide leader for promoting civil legal services and ensuring that the highest quality civil legal aid is available to all low-income Ohioans, we look forward to collaborating with LSC on these shared goals to improve access to justice in Ohio.

Sincerely,



Angela M. Lloyd  
Executive Director