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The BAEC Board of Directors unanimously adopts a resolution opposing efforts in Washington to reduce funding for the Legal Services Corporation

July 21, 2025 – The BAEC Board of Directors met on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, and *unanimously* adopted a resolution opposing efforts in Washington to reduce funding for the Legal Services Corporation.

Legal Services Corporation funding is the lynchpin to assuring access to justice, supporting work in eviction, intimate partner violence, benefit denials and other civil legal services. This funding is a long-standing component of financial support for our local legal services non-profit community.

The Board of Directors stands in full support of local non-profit organizations providing representation to the indigent and encourages the private bar to support these non-profits consistently and especially in these troubling times. Many of our local legal non-profits will be affected as overall resources to support legal aid shrink, including Neighborhood Legal Services, The Center for Elder Law and Justice, the Volunteer Lawyers Project, the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, and the Western New York Law Center.

Please consider joining the BAEC's Human Rights Committee to learn more about lawyers in the Buffalo community serving indigent clients in need of civil legal services.

About the BAEC

The Bar Association of Erie County ("BAEC" or "Association"), a not-for-profit professional association, was founded in 1887. The Association serves its members by educating, pursuing justice, and fostering camaraderie, well-being, and belonging. The Association is a trusted voice and partner in the community, advocates for professional well-being and inclusion, and provides lawyers with the skills and tools to achieve excellence in the practice of law and pursuit of justice. The BAEC is a nonpartisan association made up of over three thousand lawyers and judiciary from varied practices and backgrounds, including lawyers in civil and criminal practice, corporate and trial lawyers, defense counsel, in house counsel, and those working in government, educational, and nonprofit settings.

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