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I urge you to expand the TLPG to provide full coverage for IOLTA accounts. Through participation in the IOLTA program, most attorneys in South Carolina provide essential support for legal assistance for the poor and for projects to improve the administration of justice. I am the Director of the Children's Law Center, a training and information resource center for attorneys and other professionals involved with children in the legal system. We rely on IOLTA funds to provide training, information, and assistance to attorneys and guardians ad litem who represent children. Many of these attorneys are appointed by the court and have little or no experience in children's law. Without the training and support provided through IOLTA funds, children who have already been abused or neglected would not receive adequate representation in the court system.

The IOLTA system is a simple and logical method for supporting these necessary programs without relying on government funds or limited private donations. In the current economic environment, this program is even more critical. As a lawyer, I appreciate the opportunity to improve the justice system and would be prevented from using accrued interest. Please expand the TLGP to protect IOLTA funds.

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