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## NAJIT Stands in Support of NJ Bill for Language Access (S.2459/A.3837)

The National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT) proudly supports Bill S.2459/A.3837, which is currently under consideration by the New Jersey State Assembly.

The proposed amendments aim to mandate state agencies to translate "vital documents" into the seven languages spoken by most Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals in New Jersey. Additionally, the bill calls for live interpreting services for all languages, whether in person or remotely; these provisions signify a significant stride towards providing meaningful access to state services and benefits for LEP individuals in the state.

While the notice for support is short, we urge each of you to express your individual support for this initiative during the Assembly hearings. Your voice matters in advocating for language access and equal justice.

NAJIT commends the leadership's commitment to advancing this cause by placing the bill on the hearing calendar. We believe that this legislation has the potential to make a positive impact on the lives of LEP individuals in New Jersey.

Stay informed about the progress of the bill and consider voicing your support during the hearings on Thursday, January 4, 2024. For more information, you can review the bill here: <a href="https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=2459">https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=2459</a>

Thank you for joining NAJIT to support language access for all.

Best regards,

The NAJIT Board of Directors