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LD 1990

Regarding LD 1990, "An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement," I support this bill, having carefully reviewed the key facts and parameters of the proposed legislation. On the heels of successful implementation of similar laws in several other states, Maine would do well to follow their example and open up opportunities for candidates with a solid education in social work and human service, to begin practicing under professional supervision and to continue learning on the job, while meeting the ever-mounting needs in our population for caring consultation and support.

The proposed legislation is a very practical step toward reducing waiting lists. It would give a beleaguered profession the ability to respond proportionately to the great demand out there, with safeguards that protect a well-educated and state of the art approach to the work. I urge you to vote ought to pass! Thank you.