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Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, Attn: Edna Cayford  
c/o Legislative Information Office  
Cross Building, Room 220  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: LD 1990: *An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement*

Dear Senator Donna Bailey, Representative Anne Perry, and other members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP in support of LD 1990: *An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement*. The NAACP supports social workers in Maine and believes this bill to put a moratorium on the social work licensing examinations is an important step to improving the licensing process. This bill will remove a barrier that contributes to systemic racism for those entering the social work profession who have successfully graduated from accredited schools. This legislation is important because our state is in desperate need of qualified social workers. We are in support of this bill because it will benefit trained social workers as well as the communities of color who need them. Please vote in favor of LD 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Alpert

President, Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP