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Good afternoon. I am writing to testify in support of reducing and streamlining reciprocity for social workers and clinical counselors so that we can more easily increase the size of our mental health workforce. Our system has significant waitlists for outpatient therapy and other mental health services, which can cause difficulties in our crisis system as well. As someone involved in hiring these kinds of professionals, our experience has been that it is very difficult to recruit and hire these licensed professionals because of significant competition in the market and a lack of providers to fill all positions. Easing reciprocity will ensure that we have quicker access to new providers when they move into the state. This is a win-win for the provider and for our mental health system. I am strongly in support of this bill.