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LD 1990

Esteemed Committee Members,

I am writing to testify in support of LD 1990. Social workers at the non-clinical level are valued professionals in our state, and we are experiencing a shortage in their numbers. One barrier faced by our colleagues can be removed with this legislation. This legislation particularly addresses a systemic racial, age, and language discrimination inequity against social workers of color, older adult social workers, and social workers for whom English is not their primary language. As a professor in higher education, I can attest to decades of conversations nation-wide about the unintentional barriers placed by standardized testing. This legislation will be very beneficial to equity in the field of non-clinical social work in our state.