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Mr. Scott Schalles Regulatory Analyst PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Mr. Schalles,

Thank you for contacting us regarding the finalization of the rule changes entitled "Licensure Technical Amendments." We have reviewed the rules and offer our support for the rules as they are now written. We appreciate the Board considering our suggestion and making the change to delete the option of allowing applicants for masters social work licensure to take the clinical level examination. The Board is taking a positive step that is consistent with the goal of public protection. Please convey to them our appreciation and support.

ASWB appreciates the opportunity to provide information and assistance to the Board as they worked on changes to the rules. If there is ever a need for additional assistance in the future please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,

Donna DeAngelis, LICSW, ACSW Executive Director