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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you as President of the Pennsylvania Society of Clinical Social work.

We are a professional organization of over 720 clinical social workers. Our members work in both agency and private practice.

On behalf of our members, I am requesting that there be no raise in the biennial license fee. At this time, Social Services are losing their funding and Clinical Social Workers have not been given a raise in years. Medicare is lowering the rate of reimbursement and managed care companies are following in suit. It is increasingly difficult for social workers to find full time jobs with health care benefits. Social Workers are getting poorer, not richer. This is not the time to be raising the fees for licensure.

Please do not raise any fees as it is just one more burden on a group of people who are

offering their services for lower fees as it is and increasing the fee for licensing may impact

on service to consumers.

Sincerely,

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