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Ms. Cynthia Montgomery
Regulatory Counsel, State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and
Professional Counselors
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Dear Ms. Montgomery,

I am a Pennsylvania social worker who has been licensed and has worked in the state, since 1991. I recently learned that the State Board intends to raise the biennial licensing fee from \$75 to \$115. I am writing to ask you to reconsider this increase and/or to modify it.

I am an older person (65 years old) who was laid off from my last full-time job in 2011 and I have been unable to find full-time employment, since that time. In 2012, my earned income was \$5500. I debated whether to renew my license, this year, and because I believe that I still have much to offer in the field of social work and, because I want to continue to practice as long as possible, I did renew my license. If, in 2015, my employment situation remains unchanged and the licensing fee increases by \$40, I am not sure that I will renew my license. This will result in Pennsylvania losing not only my licensing fee and the state income taxes I would be paying as an employed person, but in losing a highly skilled and effective social worker as well.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


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