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Cynthia Montgomery
Regulatory Counsel
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage
Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors
P.O. Box 2649,
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Ms. Montgomery,

It is my understanding that The State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors is proposing to increase the license renewal fees for the March 1, 2015, renewal date. The proposed change would increase fees from \$75 to \$115 for licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors. **I staunchly advocate against an increase in fees.** NASW-PA staunchly advocates against an increase in fees as well. Please be aware that most social workers do not make more than \$30,000-\$45,000 annually even with their license and these fees impact our standards of living dramatically. With increased cost of living and higher costs of medical coverage, and increase in fees will add to a negative connotation in our minds of the license procedure.

Again, I strongly disagree with increasing any fees for licensure renewal. Please feel free to contact me at (610) 413-6516 if you have any further comment or questions.

Warmly,

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