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State Board of Social Workers,
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April 3, 2013

Dear Ms. Montgomery:

I understand that an increase in the cost of the social work license is being considered. I respectfully ask that it be re-considered.

A jump from \$75 to \$115 every 3 years could make many of us who keep the LSW, but are not required to have it for our employment, really weigh the value of renewal. That substantial of an increase for license renewal in the light of increases for food, clothing and other essentials of life is hard to reconcile. Looking into the near future, we can anticipate greater taxes and higher premiums for insurance due to recent changes in health care law and our great national deficit. In light of all these increases, if the State Board of Social Workers feel an increase is needed, I would respectfully request that a lesser percentage increase be seriously considered.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to read my letter of concern.

Respectfully,



Kathryn V. DeFrain, LSW

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