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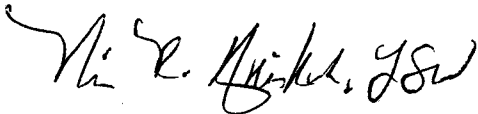
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Dear Cynthia Montgomery:

I am writing in regards to the proposed increase in the biennial license renewal fees for March 1, 2015. I am expressing my concern about the increase. Having worked as a social worker for the last eight years has not been easy. It seems like everywhere I turn prices are increasing, but not my salary. I experienced increase in cost of living, health insurance, gas prices, food costs, etc. I have been working for a wonderful hospital for the last 5-½ years, but have not been fortunate to experience raises regularly. I'm sure the State Board is aware of the average salaries for social workers, therapist and counselors. It is very obvious that we are under paid as a profession. I think it would be in the best interest to keep costs affordable to all. In addition to paying for the license fees I also need to pay for continuing education credits as well as clinical supervision. I would appreciate it if other options would be explored rather than raising costs.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope you will strongly consider how the increase will affect us professionals. Please feel free to contact me at 484-553-0732 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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