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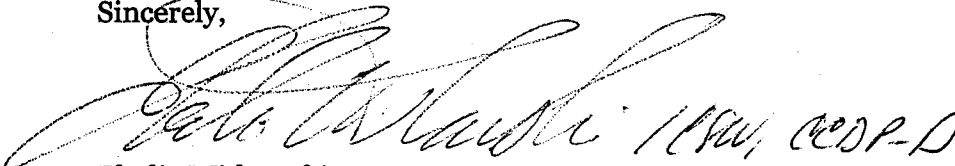
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**Dear Ms. Montgomery,**

I staunchly advocate against the proposed fee increase to the license for professional social workers, clinical social workers, professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. Our profession is paid minimally for their hard work and we cannot afford an increase in an already expensive renewal process, especially for those of us with multiple licenses/certifications. I encourage people to get their professional licenses and we are now required by payers to do this and if you raise the cost of licenses the pool of professionals to choose from may be limited. I urge you not to punish the people that care about the indigent and needy people of the state of Pennsylvania. We have endured cuts to our budgets already and cannot provide cost of living increases to our staff, who also must endure rising costs of health care and other daily requirements. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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