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

Re: License Fee Increase

April 3, 2013


Dear Ms. Montgomery,

I write to express strong opposition to the proposed increase in license fees for Social Workers. As you know, Social Work salaries are traditionally low, and it becomes cost prohibitive for professionals in the field to maintain the license, pay for required continuing education/professional development, mal-practice insurance, repay student loans (if just starting out); and if one is in private practice, rental space fees.

I hold licensure in two states, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and therefore have two renewal fees to work into my budget. This is a pocketbook issue; so I ask that you kindly reconsider increasing the fee for professional licensure in the state of Pennsylvania.

I am proud to be a Social Worker, with over 25 years in the field and I find it a privilege to serve the children, adolescents and families whose lives I touch.

Respectfully submitted,


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