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Senator Kristina D. Roegner
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
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Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Letter of Support - Senate Bill 90 (Social Work Compact)

Dear Senator Roegner:

I write on behalf of the State of Ohio CSWMFT Board to express its support for Senate Bill 90. The recent pandemic accelerated a growing trend of licensed professionals seeking to offer their services where care is needed, regardless of jurisdiction. Compacts are an increasingly important tool in ensuring licensed professionals can work where their services are needed. Through the Compact, Ohio's nearly 27,000 Social Workers will be able to leverage their skills in other states, while qualified Social Workers from outside of Ohio will be able to access employment here, ensuring Ohioans can access care.

The Social Work Compact will not diminish the public protection and licensure standards already available to the citizens of Ohio through ORC 4757 and the work of the CSWMFT Board.

The Board Members and staff of the CSWMFT Board look forward to implementing the Social Work Compact upon its passage in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Carnahan
Executive Director

C: Senator Terry Johnson, Chair, Senate Community Revitalization Committee