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DEAR SENATOR MCCOLLEY,

I am a licensed independent social work supervisor and I am writing to urge Senator McColley to support Senator Antonio's amendment to HB 509 to remove the section of the bill that allows related degrees to be licensed as a social worker. This is a public protection issue and an issue that would negatively impact Ohio as it would likely bar our state from joining the interstate licensure compact that is currently in progress. While I know there is a shortage in helping professionals state-wide, changing the requirements of the individuals who are providing the service does more of a disservice not only to the individuals seeking the help, but to the professionals who have been serving in these roles and working hard to advance as social workers for many years.

Thanks for all you do for our area and our state. And thank you for taking the time to read letters from your constituents.

Sincerely,

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