

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair's Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

My name is Olivia Johnson. I live in Albany, Oregon. I write today in **support of the -2 Amendments to HB 4071, enacting Social Work Licensing Compact.**

I am passionate about the social work licensing compact because, as a student, *[list three reasons]*.

The behavioral health workforce is essentially and crucially bolstered by social workers in Oregon. Social workers' positionality in various public and private areas means that fostering their working conditions and licensure makes an impact across the board for increasing resources in the behavioral health workforce.

Unfortunately, it is common for social workers to be overworked and underappreciated. There is a notable shortage of social workers in Oregon. Please support the durability and flexibility of our licenses to aid in the reversal of this reality.

Again, please **support the -2 Amendments to HB 4071, which would enact the Social Work Licensing Compact, which will help to mitigate the behavioral health workforce shortage in Oregon.**

Sincerely,

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