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House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
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Subject: Support for HB 2554 – Social Work Licensure Compact

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair's Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2554, which would allow Oregon to join the Social Work Licensure Compact. I am licensed social worker practicing in Oregon since 2001 and feel that this is an important step in continuing to support the mental health and well being of all Oregonians. I presently maintain licenses in 4 separate states to be able to offer specialty care and regularly network with providers in other states. Joining the interstate compact would allow for specialty providers in other states to be able to offer care to those in Oregon as well as reducing the administrative burden on our local work force.

I strongly urge you to support this legislation so that Oregon can take a crucial step toward addressing our social work shortage and improving access to care. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Bice, LCSW