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House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
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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,

My name is Glynnis McBride, and I am currently a social work student at Portland State University in Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2554, which would allow Oregon to join the Social Work Licensure Compact.

I have been working in social work for years as a youth and family advocate in an emergency domestic violence shelter. I will graduate in June with my master's in social work and I will be pursuing licensure. I know the positive impacts this bill will have on those I serve including increasing their access to quality services. This bill would also decrease barriers for me to serve those in other states.

As a student preparing to enter the field of social work, I am deeply invested in ensuring that our licensure system is both modern and accessible. The passage of HB 2554 would create greater mobility for future social workers like myself, allowing us to practice in other compact states without additional barriers. This flexibility is particularly important in today's evolving workforce, where opportunities in telehealth and cross-state services are growing.

The demand for social workers continues to increase across the country, and as a soon-to-be graduate, I want to be able to provide care where it is needed most—whether that be in Oregon or other states participating in the compact. The passage of this bill would give me and my fellow students the confidence that our hard-earned degrees and licenses will allow us to serve communities without unnecessary delays or financial burdens.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2554 to support the next generation of social workers and the communities we are eager to serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Glynnis McBride