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Good Afternoon,

Below is written testimony in support of SF2394. Please let me know if you have any questions!

SF 2394 proposes a compact that would allow social workers to be licensed in a home state, such as Minnesota, and practice in another under that same license. A compact would allow for telehealth services by licensed social workers when they are located outside of the state or if the person they are serving is not in Minnesota. This is especially beneficial for those who live in Greater Minnesota who might seek services from a social worker in a bordering state.

I currently live in Plymouth, MN – but I grew up on the border of Minnesota and North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. My mother, father, and aunt are all licensed social workers and have had to hold two licenses throughout their time practicing in the area, or only practice in one or the other state. When I travel to Grand Forks and work remotely from my parent's home, I am required to either a) hold a ND Social work license (with all the additional fees) or b) cross the border to Minnesota and work from a coffee shop. I have current co-workers and staff who live on the border of Minnesota and Wisconsin and experience a similar issue.

SF2394 would benefit social workers and residents of Minnesota greatly. This would allow for residents to access to quality mental health support regardless of their location, or the social worker serving them. SF2394 is good for Minnesota!

Thank you,

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