

RE: S.F. 3691 Social worker provisional licensure modifications and recodifying
Health and Human Services Committee
Thursday, February 22, 2024, 8:30am
c/o anna.burke@mnsenate.gov

Dear Senator Melissa H. Wiklund and committee members, I am writing to express my support for S.F. 3691, which proposes modifying and recodifying the social worker provisional licensure. My name is Ra’Nyhia (Ny) White, and I am currently studying for my undergraduate degree at St. Catherine University. Following my graduation, I plan to obtain a social work license within the next two years. As someone who is deeply passionate about social work, I believe that this proposed bill would be an excellent step forward in improving the licensure process for social workers. I urge Senator Melissa H. Wiklund and the committee members to consider this bill and take action to improve the social work industry.

Moreover, the bill will not only enhance the social work sector but also promote diversity within the social work community, which is essential given its heterogeneous nature

. For instance, the cost of licensure for those who hold an associate degree is \$230, followed by those with a bachelor's degree and then those with a master's degree in the United States.

However, imagine the plight of those who cannot afford to take this exam and improve their career prospects. We have learned in various social work courses that we must meet our clients where they are. This principle should also apply to the Social Worker Provisional Licensure Modifications and Recodification.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely ,

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