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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to represent a group of clinical social work leaders and organizations who are concerned about the way that the national social work licensure examinations have been criticized over the past two years. While the August, 2022, ASWB report which led to the questioning of the social work licensure exam(s) because of significant test disparities between white and Black examination takers, and other groups, the answer in our view is not to eliminate exams as some have suggested.

Please read the attached Memo of Concern which suggests other ways to address the problems raised by the report. I would be happy to discuss this further with you and the New Hampshire Board of Behavioral Health Professionals.

Best regards,

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