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I am a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the State of Oregon, and I respectfully oppose this measure. While clinical disciplines may share certain functions, social work is distinct in its educational preparation, professional values, guiding principles, and ethical standards. These distinctions shape both our approach to clinical care and the supervisory practices that ensure competence and accountability within the profession.

Oversight of social workers must remain within the social work profession to preserve the integrity of these standards. The scope of practice for an LMFT is primarily centered on family systems and relational dynamics, whereas an LCSW is trained to address individual, family, and community needs within a broader social context. Supervision must be congruent with the supervisee's professional scope and foundational training to ensure quality of care and adherence to ethical obligations.