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I oppose this measure. All Social Workers do not work in mental health or provide psychotherapy. Social Workers are vital to many fields and areas of work. We have specific training outside of therapeutic models which prepare us to work in these settings which other disciplines do not even begin to broach in their training. The federal government is already working to dissolve Social Work as a professional degree. I don't think it should be further diluted, nor should the other disciplines be, by lumping them all together. I am further concerned that allowing Social Workers to be supervised by other disciplines, we may lose a very important connection to Social Workers' values and our very different Code of Ethics which are vital to the profession. There is a reason for the different licensures, degrees, and educations. We are unequivocally not the same.