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I oppose this measure as it is an overreach from the Behavioral Health Talent Council. As a clinical social work associate, it seems very apparent that the legislature has an understanding of the different specialties that exist across the behavioral and mental health world. Social workers are distinct from behavioral health practitioners who are distinct from LMFTs and LPCs. It is unfair and a clear misunderstanding of our work to combine all of our paths, needs, and focus. As a social worker, I deeply appreciate my LMFT and LPC colleagues, however I do not want my supervision to be under a practitioner who is NOT an LCSW. Again, we have different focuses and approaches!

I am also alarmed at how little time we are all given to comment. This feels rushed and poorly considered. Please do not pass this.