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As an LCSW who has practiced in rural Oregon for over a decade, I strongly oppose this proposal. It will not improve access to care. Instead, it risks further harming and devaluing the social work profession across the state. Lowering standards will water down our field at a time when new social workers need strong, profession-specific supervision the most. Social workers require supervision from experienced social workers, not from other health professionals whose foundational training, ethics, and clinical frameworks are fundamentally different. True access comes from investing in high-quality training, mentorship, and retention, not from weakening professional safeguards that protect both providers and the communities we serve.