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The Honorable Tina Liebling

Minnesota House of Representatives

477 State Office Building

St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Liebling and Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee:

We are writing to express our strong support for HF 2743, which would expand the ability of social workers and other professionals to continue use of electronic supervision for licensure.

We are members and the facilitator of a social work supervision group. Our group members are completing the required hours for licensure supervision, and our facilitator is a Licensed Independent Social Worker and social work educator. Prior to the pandemic, our group met in a conference room at Augsburg University. Once COVID-19 struck, we could no longer safely meet on campus, so our group began using Zoom for our monthly meetings. If we had not had the option to meet on Zoom, it is likely that our group would have had to disband. Instead, we have been carrying on lively and thoughtful conversations, joining in from locations throughout the Twin Cities area.

We would like very much to continue to meet on Zoom for our group supervision. We do not feel that our ability to connect and empathize has been unduly diminished by meeting electronically. Please support HF 2743. This bill will make the supervision process more streamlined, efficient, and responsive for Minnesota’s social workers.

Thank you very much,

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