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To: Rep. Peter Fischer, Chair - MN House Behavioral Health Policy Division
From: Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director

RE: HF 970 (As Introduced) – Committee Hearing, Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The MN Board of Marriage and Family Therapy regulates the licensure and practice of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) and Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists (LAMFTs) in Minnesota. An LMFT is a mental health professional trained to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders and provide therapeutic services to individuals, couples and families from a systemic perspective.

[House File 970](#) includes, in part, provisions which amend the MFT Practice Act (Minn. Stat. 148B.29-.392) and which require the Board to participate in three task forces addressing &/or changing LMFT licensure processes.

As the MN Board of MFT had not been asked to participate in stakeholder meetings and was not aware of House File 970 until its February 10, 2021 bill introduction, it has not yet had an opportunity to fully review HF 970 and cannot, at this time, speak in support of the bill. The Board of MFT hopes to work with bill authors and the proponents of the bill to address questions and concerns. In addition, there is fiscal impact from bill sections 6, 12, 13 and 14 to review and address through the fiscal note process.

Thank you for your consideration and attention. Please contact me if the Committee has any questions.

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