



Maryland Addiction Directors Council

House Health & Government Operations Committee

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House Bill 34 - Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Support

Maryland Addictions Directors Council (MADC) represents outpatient and residential substance use disorder and dual recovery treatment across the state of Maryland. Our members provide over 1,200 residential treatment beds across the state.

MADC employs licensed and certified drug and alcohol counselors and social workers. There is a dire shortage of candidates across the state of for all levels of direct patient care. MADC supports a compact for social workers to allow for more eligible, and appropriately licensed social workers to work in the state of Maryland.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony and we urge a favorable report on House Bill 34.

Sincerely,

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