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Dear Chairman Wilson, Economic Matters Committee House Office Building, Room 230 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

HB694 allows for a licensed clinical social worker to become a licensed rehabilitation practitioner under the Workers' Compensation Commission. This will allow more licensed professionals to provide evaluation and rehabilitation services for workers covered under worker's compensation insurance claims for mental and behavioral disorders. Licensed clinical social workers already have the skills and knowledge to provide these services which would allow claimants to fully focus on their recovery in order to return back to work.

Additionally, due to a workforce shortage of medical professionals, especially in rural areas, allowing clinical social workers to become licensed rehabilitation practitioners will expand eligible professionals who can provide the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental illness, emotional, and other behavioral disturbances that would otherwise only be done by a physician or psychologist.

I strongly urge a favorable report on HB694.

Thank you,

Delegate Adrian Boafo