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Testimony Unfavorable to SB0018: State Board of Social Work Examiners - Provisional License to Practice Social Work - Established

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Delegate Heather Bagnall, Chair, Delegate Bonnie Cullison, Vice-Chair, and esteemed members of the Health Committee:

My name is Ezra Towne, and my pronouns are they/them. I am writing to you today in opposition to SB0018: State Board of Social Work Examiners - Provisional License to Practice Social Work - Established.

The bill established a 2 year provisional license for social workers in the state of Maryland - allowing them to practice without passing the racially biased state exam.

During the bill amendments, this alternative pathway to practicing social work in the state of Maryland was removed, reinstating the requirement to pass the exam in order to continue practicing after the provisional license expires.

For this reason, I ask for an unfavorable report from the Health Committee on SB0018.

Sincerely,
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