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Written Testimony
Representative Monica Murnan, 3rd District
In Support of SB 193

Please accept this written testimony as support for the changes in licensing requirements for clinical social workers in Kansas as proposed in SB 193. For many years, I have worked with school districts that want to integrate behavioral health services into school settings. One of the major barriers is workforce, specifically Licensed Masters Level Clinical Social Workers. Licensed Masters Level Clinical Social Workers have the skills and experience that meets the needs of the school setting. They have training in therapy services, and are billable to most payer sources, a critical piece for sustainable programs.

In Southeast Kansas, we are experiencing a very difficult time recruiting this level of social worker because the State of Kansas requirements are significantly higher than Missouri's. As a border county, we simply can't compete for a quality workforce.

These changes will have no impact on the quality of providers, but will open the door for reciprocity of licensure.

Thanks for your consideration of this opportunity to create a reasonable pathway to licensure reciprocity. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.