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Senator Charles Parr
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Dear Senator Parr:

I urge your support of Senate Bill 792 regarding licensing of clinical social workers.

Many children with behavior problems come from disturbed families. I frequently refer the parents, the child, or the entire family for counseling. I feel that if clinical social workers were licensed this would guarantee minimum standards.

People who do counseling vary tremendously in education and experience; a poorly trained counselor can do much damage. I therefore believe that minimum standards are essential.

Sincerely yours,

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