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Members of NASW must be represented on any licensing board regardless of whose auspices under which it falls. It is also imperative that the board be empowered to hear and address any complaints to the board and make appropriate recommendations. This should be done in an efficient and timely fashion. Social workers should be involved in the formulation and implementation of rules of the board that governs our professional licenses. The rules should be presented in a clear manner to both the profession and the public. There is currently a need. For increased staffing and funding for the board. Professional social workers have a master's degree that requires two years of higher education (approximately 90 hours) and years of supervision and ongoing education. Regulation of professional social workers is set apart from plumbers and hair dressers. Social workers should not be required to pay for administrative decisions. We are the first line of the helping professionals in the public and private sectors. NASW represents approximately 36,000 professional social workers in Texas. I hope that you and others will be thoughtful about any changes so that our high standards of professionalism will be maintained or enhanced. Thank you. Katherine Spradlin LCSW

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