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Rich Grabschmidt
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7th Senate Dist
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Frank N. Urban
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3645 Emburywood
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Brookfield 53005
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99th Assembly Dist
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SUBJECT Licensure of

Mental Health
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(NAME)

MARK Hirschmann
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4716 N. Idlewild Av
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WFB WI 53211
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OR
SUBJECT licensing of

Clinical Soc. Workers.

Professional Counselors +

(NAME) JAMES LIPUSCH PH.D

201 Milwaukee St

(Street Address or Route Number)
PORT WASHINGTON 53074

(City and Zip Code) Crossroads Clinic +

Society Clinical Social Workers

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(NAME) Cornelia Henpe, Chair

1400 E. Washington Ave.

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MADISON 53703

(City and Zip Code) Social Workers Section -

Examining Bd of Social Workers, Marriage and

(Representing) Family Therapists and

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(NAME) Colleen S. James

611 Saddle Ridge

(Street Address or Route Number)

Portage WI 53901

(City and Zip Code) In Private Practice

(Representing) Sell. (Professional Counselor)

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Myla Sherrod, Executive Assistant
(NAME)

1400 E. Washington Ave
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Secretary Maureen Cummings, Dael
(Representing)

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Douglas Knight, Chairman
(NAME)

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Examining Board
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OR
SUBJECT Social Work

Licensing
Lenore DeLoughery
(NAME)

1475 Owens Drive
(Street Address or Route Number)

La Valle, WI
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WI Society for Clinical Social
(Representing) Work

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OR
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MRS COLAVITTI
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3045 W Mathison Rd
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APPLETON, WI 54913
(City and Zip Code)

WISCONSIN COUNSELING
(Representing) ASSN

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William A. BERKAN
(NAME)

726 Anthony Lane
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison Wisc 53711
(City and Zip Code)

Wis. Chpt. Nat'l. Assn. of Social
(Representing) WORKERS

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OR
SUBJECT Clinical Social Worker Licensing

Ruth Ann Berkholtz
(NAME)

6 Elmwood Circle
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53719
(City and Zip Code)

Self / National Pub. Standards
(Representing) Council

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Fred Devett
(NAME)
7202 Nighthorse Lane
(Street Address or Route Number)
Middleton 53562
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SUBJECT SWS Wisconsin

Janees Dabbert
(NAME)
813 Centennial Parkway
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Waukesha, WI 53597
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JOANNE BARNOT
(NAME)
2950 No. SHEPARD
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MILWAUKEE, WI 53211
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Nancy J. Lutz
(NAME)

3908 Odessa
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI 53711
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NAASW, FPO
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GARY YEAST
(NAME)

330 Madison Ave
(Street Address or Route Number)

Wauwatosa, WI 54403
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Mental Health

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(NAME)

Ann Marie Starr
(Street Address or Route Number)

2641 E Beverly Rd
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MICHAEL WAHLE
(NAME)

914 Annie Dr
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53711
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Kathy Thiel
(NAME)

2405 Chalet Gardens #3
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Fitchburg WI 53081
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DEBORAH DARBY
(NAME)

6506 Sweden Rd.
(Street Address or Route Number)

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(City and Zip Code)

self
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(NAME) DAN FLOOD

(Street Address or Route Number) 9 OWANA CT. SUITE 203

(City and Zip Code) MADISON, WI 53719

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for Social work

(NAME) SUSAN BROOKS

(Street Address or Route Number) 4818 Fond du Lac

(City and Zip Code) Madison Wis 53705

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SUBJECT licensing for child

social workers

(NAME) Robert E Smith

(Street Address or Route Number) 2209 Marshall Ct

(City and Zip Code) Madison wi 53705

(Representing) Counseling & Psychology

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WFF

(NAME) Diana A Heig

(Street Address or Route Number) Madison, WI 53704

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RC + WFF

(NAME) Nancy Jemzold eisw

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6609 button Rd

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Nancy Henderson
(NAME)
517 Clifden Dr.
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Joanne Ruccia
(NAME)
6333 W. Bluemound
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Kristh Bull Lya
(NAME)
515 Bowma Ave.
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self
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(NAME)

Stephanie Meadows
(Street Address or Route Number)

405 Park Way
(City and Zip Code)
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(NAME)

BERNARD CESNIK
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Licensure

(NAME)

Bill Chubb
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4521 E. Buckeye
(City and Zip Code)
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Ellen Magee
(NAME)
25³⁸ E. Dayton St.
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison 53704
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Myself
(Representing)

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Jennifer Parker
(NAME)
186 Ohio Ave
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Madison, Wi. 53704
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Ciel Shatova
(NAME)
4704 Winnequah Rd
(Street Address or Route Number)
Monona 53716
(City and Zip Code)
Self
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(NAME) Mary Buckman
1885 Range Tr.
(Street Address or Route Number)
Verona, WI 53593
(City and Zip Code)
(Representing) Self/Professor

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(NAME) Linda Pettersen MSW
2803 Marshall Ct
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(Representing) Self

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Sarah Niedmyk-Kasdorf
(NAME)

100 River Place, Suite 101
(Street Address or Route Number)

Monona 53716
(City and Zip Code)

Wisconsin Counties Association
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Scott Peterson
(NAME)

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WI Health + Hospital Assn
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Licensing Bill SB203

October 20, 1999

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

Committee Chair, Judy Robson, Committee members, Gwendolyn Moore, Kimberly Placha, Carol Roessler, Peggy Rosenweig and Roberta Darling:

I have been a clinical social worker since I received my Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977. I wanted to be a therapist and got all the clinical training I could find within the School of Social Work. I joined the Wisconsin Society of Clinical Social Work, which I represent today. I recall that one of the first discussions I ever listened to at a 1977 meeting was about licensing of social workers who do psychotherapy. That was 22 years ago. None of those men and women would have believed it if someone had told them then that we would still be working to be licensed in 1999. It reminds me of the Chinese proverb, "One generation plants the tree, another gets the shade."

Perhaps you wonder why we, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors who practice psychotherapy in mental health settings want to have more regulation. In part, we want licensing because we want consumers of mental health care ^{in mental health settings} to be assured that only highly qualified therapists will be allowed to treat you, or your loved ones. SB203 protects all of us by requiring two years post-masters degree supervised clinical experience approved by the examining board. SB203 protects all of us by spelling out what unethical practice is and ^{provides} what the consequences ~~are~~. SB203 protects all of us by ensuring consumer choice because

insurance companies are mandated to reimburse only licensed clinical social workers for psychotherapy services.

This licensing bill protects communications between therapists and clients at this time when people have become concerned about confidentiality. In *Jaffee v Redmond*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1997 that a licensed social worker did not have to turn over her treatment records in a civil court proceeding. An Illinois policewoman had received psychotherapy following an incident in which she killed a suspect. In the ruling, Justice Stevens who wrote the majority opinion, stated, "Because we agree with the judgement of the state legislatures and the Advisory Committee that a psychotherapist-patient privilege will serve a public good, transcending the normally predominant principle of utilizing all rational means for ascertaining truth – communications between a licensed psychotherapist and her patients in the course of diagnosis or treatment are protected from compelled disclosure under Rule 501 of the Federal Rules of Evidence." Today, under federal law, licensed social workers have the same privileged communications as psychologists and psychiatrists. We would like to have the State of Wisconsin also give us this protection. In Milwaukee, the Police Association has endorsed this licensing bill based on this Supreme Court ruling.

We are one of only a handful of states that do not yet license social workers. I, like many of my colleagues who are here today, am in private practice. I am one of the 3,700 Certified Independent Clinical Social Workers in Wisconsin. I believe it is important that the practice of psychotherapy, this profession, be licensed. As a member and representative of the Wisconsin Society of Clinical Social Work, I ask your help to accomplish this long awaited goal.

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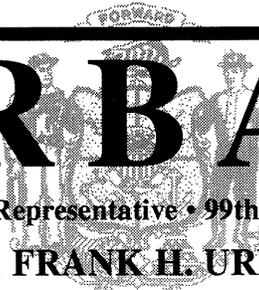
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DR. FRANK H. URBAN

Testimony by Representative Frank Urban in support of SB 203

Currently, all but two states license the practice of psychotherapy. There are several reasons why we need a practice act for psychotherapy and all of them have to do with the welfare of the public.

First, there was a case in the federal courts in Florida that challenged the constitutionality of protecting the title of psychologist that gives a basis for challenging all other certification or title protection laws throughout the country. Wisconsin currently only has title protection for its social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors practice of psychotherapy and is therefore vulnerable to a similar challenge. In Florida, which at the time had a title protection law not a practice act, the court ruled that it was a violation of the individual's fourth amendment right to free speech that this person could not call himself/herself a psychologist. (note: in 1995 we passed a practice act for psychologists because of this)

While the psychologists practice act gave exemption to the practice of psychotherapy to clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors, it is still vulnerable to misuse through these professions. The public generally does not distinguish one social worker from another and they can easily assume they are receiving psychotherapy when in fact they are not. For instance, not all social workers are trained to practice psychotherapy. Psychotherapy as practiced by a clinical social worker is essentially distinct from the general practice of social work. However, anyone could use their title and practice psychotherapy without being adequately educated and trained to do so. While State law could attempt to prosecute a violation of Wisconsin's certification law; they would have a defense based on the Florida Federal Court decision.

Another reason why we need a practice act is to protect the confidentiality of a certified therapist's records. Wisconsin law currently does protect the confidentiality of a certified therapist, but it cannot extend that privilege to the federal courts. However, the Supreme Court has recognized and upheld the confidentiality of psychotherapy records in states where there is a practice act.

Finally, there is the issue of third party payment. Again, Wisconsin law assumes that practitioners who are certified will be treated the same by insurance companies as those who are licensed. This holds true for those companies that are based in Wisconsin, however it is not true for out-of-state companies. Because all but two states license the practice of psychotherapy, licensure is a criteria that out-of-state insurance companies use to determine whether they pay the bill for psychotherapy treatment. Currently, the consumer's choice for a therapist is limited if they want to be covered by their insurance. By changing the law from title protection to practice act we are removing the barrier to treatment that currently often exists. I want to stress that this proposed legislation does not mandate coverage of psychotherapy treatment.

I urge the committee to support SB 203

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Dear Senators:

As a CPC, CICSW, past president of WCA and WMHCA, and as a practitioner in private practice, I wish to go on record in support of SB203. I have actively worked for the past 17 years on trying to get a licensure bill passed. This year we are a unified force with the Marriage and Family therapists, Independent Clinical Social Workers, and the Professional Counselors all supporting this bill.

This bill seeks to protect the practice of psychotherapy while providing the consumer with the proper channels for their own protection. We are not trying to exclude qualified individuals from practicing psychotherapy, if they meet criterion they can apply for the particular license and will be so licensed.

From day one the goal has always been full licensure but we conceded to certification in the mid 90s because this at least provided some protection but it is not enough to either practitioner or consumer.

I personally find it ironic that the state freely licenses barbers, beauticians, nail technicians, and a whole host of other professions yet for those of us who provide psychotherapy services, who are taking your mental health issues into our hands it has been a long battle. This does not seem just or a decision from a sound mind.

It is time to change the past and move into the new millennium with the passage of SB203. The members of the Coalition for Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Social Workers have finally ironed out their differences to put together a bill which we can all live with and support. We now ask for your support so that this bill can be enacted.

Thank you very much.

Cordially,

Deborah Lau Schingen
Deborah Lau Schingen, Milwaukee

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The Wisconsin Coalition of Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors and Clinical Social Workers.

AB 420 and SB 203 are identical bills and have the full support of the Wisconsin Coalition of Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Social Workers. Support comes also from the Wisconsin Counseling Association and its Divisions of School Counselors and Mental Health Counselors.

- The bill will provide for a more restrictive form of professional regulation and would afford greater protection to the public.
- Licensure would replace certification which has been challenged in Federal Court in Florida and found to be a violation of the 4th Amendment. This decision led Psychologists to change their law from certification to Licensure in 1995. We are seeking to bring our professions into line with this standard.
- Licensure would provide Parity in legal status to the practice of psychotherapy as practiced by Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors. Presently, Wisconsin law protects the practice of psychotherapy when practiced by Psychologists and/or Psychiatrists. While the Psychologist law does not exempt social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors to practice psychotherapy, it does not protect the public from abuse in the same manner that it protects the psychologists and psychiatrists.
- The Supreme court ruled in Jaffe vs Redmond that psychotherapeutic sessions were privileged for licensed practitioners. While confidentiality is not protected 100%, it has a greater guarantee of protection under the law when the therapist is licensed.
- Most out of state insurance companies will not recognize certified practitioners for third party payment. Wisconsin is among the last five states to enact Licensure for counselors. This law would not mandate third party payment, but it would make those licensed under such a law eligible for payment.

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Secretary Marlene A. Cummings
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RE: 1999 Senate Bill 203

Dear Secretary Cummings:

I am writing to you to express my strong support for Senate Bill 203 pertaining to licensing of certain "social workers."

Ozaukee County continues to have a 51.42 Board, separate from DSS, which operates an outpatient mental health/substance abuse clinic. I have been the Mental Health/AODA Coordinator for the past 22 years. I have also served as a county representative on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health, and the Blue Ribbon Commission's Implementation Committee.

On more than one occasion, we have had difficulty with some insurance companies, especially those located outside of Wisconsin, because our clinical social work staff is "certified" as opposed to "licensed". This bill would help us with that process. I also believe that licensing will provide better protection for the public, as well as the professionals who provide the service.

I would anticipate no substantial financial impact on our Department as all of our clinical social workers are already CICSWs. It may, in fact, assist us positively in terms of collections from 3rd party payors. By excluding the bachelor level social workers, which this does, I do not believe it would have any significant financial impact on our county social services department, either. (I tried to contact the Director of that department, but he is out of town at this time.)

I urge you to support SB 203. I believe it is good for Wisconsin to join the majority of states who have licensing rather than "certification". I can only speak for Ozaukee County's Department of Community Programs, which strongly favors the bill. I can also say, based on my experience, that I cannot see any reason why other counties would not also support this bill - or at least not oppose it.

Sincerely,



T. Allan Pearson, CICSW, CCS I
Mental Health/AODA Program Coordinator

Pc: Senator Judith Robson
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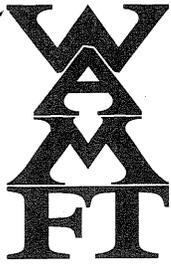
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Prior to my term as President of WAMFT, I served on the original marriage and family therapy section of the marriage and family therapy, social work and professional counselor examining board. During my tenure a man in Milwaukee County was reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensure for using the title of marriage and family therapist without being certified. He was practicing out of his home, and giving advice without any credentials that would even approach those of a certified marriage and family therapist. He was investigated by the Department. Once sanctioned, there was nothing stopping him from resuming psychotherapy practice as long as he did not use the titles of marriage and family therapist, social worker or professional counselor.

I am here on behalf of marriage and family therapists in Wisconsin to ask you to consider Senate Bill 203, that would protect the psychotherapeutic practice marriage and family therapists, independent clinical social workers and professional counselors. While certification under 1991 Act 160 has been a significant step in protecting the public, it is simply not enough. Your family members and mine are potential victims of unqualified persons who "practice" psychotherapy in the State of Wisconsin.

Licensure will also resolve a potential confidentiality problem. The current certification law extends privilege communication to marriage and family therapists, independent clinical social workers and professional counselors in their psychotherapeutic practices. However, this protection of communication between a client and a certified practitioner is not as complete as it could be. The Supreme Court in *Jaffe vs. Redmond* ruled that psychotherapeutic sessions were privileged communication for licensed but not certified practitioners. In some courts, certified practitioners could be compelled by subpoena to share personal client details that were intended to remain confidential by Wisconsin statute.

Please give the citizens of Wisconsin the protection they deserve when engaged in psychotherapy with marriage and family therapists, independent clinical social workers and professional counselors by giving your approval to Senate Bill 203.



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FROM: Fred Devett, CMFT, CICSW, Immediate Past President, Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

The Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy supports Senate Bill 203, amending current law under Act 160 to transform current certification-to-title to licensing requirements, establishing a scope of practice for marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical social workers.

Senators, "drastic" is hardly the word for the changes in the recent past that the health care industry has endured in the delivery of services, in availability to citizens, and in its role in the market place. As mental health practitioners, we are called upon more and more to present proofs of competency to credentialing panels, insurance companies, employers, and other vested interests. The consumer cannot determine with any uniform consistency what constitutes a duly qualified mental health clinician, or how to evaluate their credentials - whether in the Yellow Pages, on the HMO Panel, or in advertised talks and workshops.

Current regulation certifies only title, thereby restricting who may call themselves a marriage and family therapist, a professional counselor, a clinical social worker. What "certification" means, however, continues to elude the public. We need a guarantee of standardized education, supervised clinical training and length of experience, regulated in a fashion *similar to other mental and physical healthcare practitioners*: licensed to practice within a clearly defined scope of skills.

Health care, ironically, is increasingly "regulated" by the private sector. Managed care companies and insurance coverage guidelines are establishing their own credentialing requirements and procedures. Their credentialing processes and case management frequently extend over several states, large regions, sometimes the nation. "Licensure" is the language of this marketplace, and access to marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical social workers is often denied if the professional is not "licensed." Many insurance companies simply do not recognize "certification" - labeling the term vague, meaningless, or unenforceable. Consumer choice is thereby limited simply by confusion in language.

In coming before you today as a Certified Marriage and Family Therapist, as the Immediate Past President I speak on behalf of the 350 clinical members of the Wisconsin Division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, ALL Master's or Doctoral level clinicians meeting the same standards of education, supervised training and experience. Because of the similarity of standards, I believe I

also represent approximately 250 additional CMFT's, not members of our Association but certified by the State of Wisconsin.

I am also credentialed as a Certified Independent Clinical Social Worker, and on that basis must now also speak. Because of my contact with other CICSW clinicians throughout the state, many in private practice, I strongly feel that I also represent the concerns of other CICSW's. And so I am testifying today as a clinical social worker in practice for the past eighteen years; I speak on behalf of the several thousand CICSW's like myself for whom "certification" serves little purpose and whose work is very different from most public sector and bachelors social workers.

"Social Work" is one of the few professions which generates proficient employees at all three levels of post-secondary education: the bachelors, Master's and Doctoral levels. Licensing the work of "social workers" is, therefore, a most daunting task. Act 160 makes this attempt by distinguishing four levels and, while there is need to make such distinctions within the Profession - and the case may certainly be made, to also protect the consumer, in some fashion - from the *customer's* vantage, it doesn't matter if there are 4 or 40 distinctions or degrees of regulation. What matters is that a particular consumer needing a particular service be able to seek, discover and access the provider efficiently and confidently.

Our purpose in supporting SB203 is *not* the protection of the general public by regulating a diverse profession or professions; but, rather, to regulate a *practice*: to protect only - and clearly - the mental health services consumer by regulating and defining the scope of practice of the master's level mental health clinician. It's clear. It's concise. It's easily understood by the consumer, government agencies, legislator, practitioner, insurance company, and employer.

Currently, all four levels of social work, while related, are distinct services, hence the distinctive levels. For too long, as most of you already know, the regulation of mental health services to protect consumers in Wisconsin has been too closely connected to baccalaureate level services and regulation and, consequently, not closely enough aligned with the licensed practices of related services such as psychology, nursing and psychiatry. Consequently, both lawmakers and consumers have been left confused and forced to favor or oppose legislation too broad to be effective.

In conclusion, we need to be able both to present to the public, to employers, to insurance companies, and to government agencies, a consistent, easily recognizable credential as well as to limit unregulated, incompetent practice, especially in areas as important and delicate as the mental well-being of - YOU, our consumer, and of all our children and families. SB203 aims to regulate the practice of psychotherapy, which only begins at the Master's level. Please vote in favor of SB203. Thank you.



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Good morning, Chairperson Robson and members of the committee. As you are aware, my name is Douglas Knight, I am the chairman of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors. Thank you for this opportunity to come before you today.

I have been chairperson of the Joint Board since January, 1998, and I would like to say that this is a Board made up of three disciplines that have worked quite well together throughout the history of this Board. In terms of Senate Bill 203, however, the Board has been split and either the support or opposition to this legislation has never been brought to a vote by the full Board. On the other hand, each section has voted, with the Social Workers Section voting against this bill in its present form, Marriage and Family Therapists Section voting to support this bill, and the Professional Counselors Section being divided equally.

One of my concerns is that the integrity of this Board be kept intact. I am not going to get into many of the allegations and counter-allegations with respect to this legislation. I would rather give you some figures and let those individuals representing the various sections and/or themselves debate the pros and cons of this piece of legislation as it has been presented to date.

As of two days ago, i.e., October 19, 1999, the professions regulated by this Board are certified per the following classifications and numbers:

Independent Clinical Social Workers	4,045
Independent Social Workers	684
Advanced Practice Social Workers	1,125
Basic Social Workers	6,152
Marriage and Family Therapists	497
Professional Counselors	2,190

In gross figures, then, 6,732 credential holders or 46% stand to benefit should Senate Bill 203 be passed and adopted (note: this does not include the training certificate people in social work who number 417.) Accordingly, 7,961 credential holders or 54% stand not to benefit.

None of this legislation originated with our Board nor with the Department of Regulation and Licensing. In fact, if Mr. Dismas Becker has the membership numbers for the organizations engaging his services to have this legislation introduced, you would find that approximately 150 professional counselors belong to the state chapter of their profession; upwards of 85 clinical and/or psychiatric social workers belong to the professional organization and one can only assume that Marriage and Family Therapists would number less than 497. What this represents then is that a few hundred people have had a say in having legislation introduced that would

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impact literally thousands of professional practitioners in this state. This is not parity. The elements within Senate Bill 203 have not had fair discussion even by those who will be impacted directly. The majority of your constituents practicing in either Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Professional Counseling will likely not have had input or any say whether they favor or do not favor this legislation.

I would like to turn to what should be of more concern to me as a member of the Examining Board in the State of Wisconsin - that concern is the **protection of the public**. Under current legislation, and in our orientation to our duties as Board Members, it was strongly stressed that our responsibility was first **protection of the public**. Toward that end I would encourage that you pay particularly close attention to the testimony of the public members of the Board. At least two of the three public members are strongly opposed to this licensure bill. If they are not present for testimony today, you will certainly be hearing from them or have received their written remarks already.

The proponents of SB 203 will tell you that patient privilege will result from this legislation to the benefit of consumers in the State of Wisconsin. It should be noted that 905.04 of Wisconsin Statutes already provides that privilege for patients of physicians, registered nurses, chiropractors, psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors.

You will recall that at the beginning of my testimony today I did make reference to my desire to protect the integrity of this Board. The general consensus is that current legislation has worked well and that the Board has been diligent and hard working as the members have hammered out administrative rules and implemented the legislation that gave us title certification. This has required many hours and considerable expense. Noting that the fiscal note attached to SB 203 is in excess of \$240,000.00, the old adage, "why fix it if it's not broken" has application in this instance.

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Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have of me at this point in time.



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**Testimony on SB 203
Before The
Committee on Human Services and Aging
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201 Southeast, State Capitol**

Good morning, Chairperson Robson and Members of the Human Services and Aging Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 203. This legislation that would create a multidisciplinary licensing board to regulate members of some of the health professions that provide psychotherapy services is of direct interest to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, as all of the professions which would be included on the proposed board are currently regulated by our department. However, at this time **we neither support nor oppose the legislation and the department is testifying for information only.**

By way of background, the practice of psychotherapy provides significant benefits to the public, but it can also present dangers to the consumer if a therapist is inadequately prepared. Psychotherapy may be practiced by qualified social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors. As I am sure you know, psychotherapy can also be practiced by psychiatrists and psychologists. As you may not know, psychotherapy can be practiced by other professions, especially qualified music, art and dance therapists. The proposed board would include only Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and the most advanced level of Social Workers.

The department definitely supports the premise underlying the proposal to regulate and protect the practice of psychotherapy, but we are not convinced at this point that the methodology contained in the proposed legislation has been adequately developed. We also support the goal of licensure for at least some of the professionals included in this bill, but obtaining licensure by regulating psychotherapy in this way may create more problems than it solves. The regulation of psychotherapy deserves to be well planned. It is important for the state to determine what it needs in terms of psychotherapeutic services and, through delegation to the board, to develop standards and licensing and examination criteria. The planning of such a board should involve individuals who can answer the questions related to education, practice, state's needs, insurance requirements, the relationship and interaction with the medical and psychology professions and above all, a sense of the future, taking telecommunications and prescribing practices into consideration. The process should invite stakeholders and county board and state mental health services to participate in information gathering. It is important that psychologists and psychiatrists be a part of that dialogue, and the proposal should address privacy issues, psychometric testing, and other related practices and laws related to psychotherapy. The Department of Health and Family Services is involved peripherally in the issue through its certification of health-care providers for third-party reimbursement. This division of functions is currently a source of confusion to professionals in the field, and any proposal to regulate psychotherapy should consider consolidating functions that are now spread among different agencies. It goes without saying that the purpose of the board should be to regulate the practice of psychotherapy in the consumer interest.

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The department thinks that the legislation requires further development. The proposed bill has divided the present joint Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, and has caused a debate, which in some of its aspects pits protection of the professions against protection of the public.

As a final note, if and when such a major piece of legislation is eventually passed, the department would request that its actual implementation not take place for at least a year following the passage of the legislation, to give the new licensing body adequate time to promulgate rules and to address and meet all of the aforementioned concerns. Our department has seen many laws enacted, and we have seen many serious problems caused when we are given an inadequate amount of time to prepare.

Thank you for your interest and time.

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