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RE: Support for House Bill No. 7064

Dear Committee,

My name is Juliette Saltzman, LMFT-A, and I am a Marriage and Family associate therapist at Hope Family Therapy in Wakefield, Rhode Island. As a clinician who is professionally affected by Rhode Island's current licensure requirements, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill No. 7064, which has the potential to positively impact stakeholders around the state.

HB 7064 reduces direct client contact hour requirements for licensure, strengthens role-specific training by requiring a portion of supervised experience to be with couples and families, and reduces unnecessary barriers to licensure portability across states. HB 7064 modernizes Rhode Island's LMFT licensure pathway by:

- Aligning direct client contact hour requirements with national and regional norms,
- Strengthening role-specific training by requiring supervised experience with couples and families, and
- Reducing unnecessary barriers to licensure portability across state lines.

These reforms support workforce stability and access to care in a small, interconnected region where many residents live, work, and seek services across state borders—especially in the digital age.

For the reasons listed above, I respectfully urge you to support HB 7064 and vote in its favor.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,
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Bill: HB 7064

Position: Proponent

To the Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for **House Bill 7064**.

My name is Juliette Saltzman, and I am an associate MFT therapist in Wakefield, RI. I am writing in support because HB 7064 modernizes Rhode Island's LMFT licensure pathway to better match the national and regional landscape while maintaining MFT-specific quality controls.

HB 7064 brings Rhode Island's licensure requirements in line with neighboring states while protecting quality of experiential preparation. The bill reduces the direct client contact requirement from 2,000 to 1,500 hours (while maintaining the two-year postgraduate experience requirement) and ensures MFT applicants receive supervised experience specifically working with couples and families by requiring at least 300 hours with couples, families, or groups of two or more individuals.

This matters for Rhode Island's workforce and access to care. Rhode Island is a small state with a highly interconnected regional labor market; we routinely see residents who live, work, and seek care across state borders. In the digital age, reducing unnecessary licensure barriers supports continuity of care and makes it more feasible for clinicians to practice where Rhode Islanders need them most.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to **support HB 7064**.

Respectfully,

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