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To: Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
Re: HB24-1002—Social Work Licensure Compact

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches throughout Colorado.

Today, Colorado faces a severe shortage of social work professionals. At the same time, Colorado is home to a number of military installations, and spouses often accompany their military members to assignments here. The same is true for many spouses of corporate employees transferred here.

The majority of these spouses are women who currently face barriers to continue in their careers. AAUW believes the Social Work Licensure Compact proposed in House Bill 1002 will help both Coloradans seeking counseling and other social work services and the healthcare providers relocating here.

AAUW of Colorado strongly supports House Bill 1001 and requests your AYE vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming a law.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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