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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: H7875

To: House Health & Human Services Committee
From: Rebecca Angell/School Social Worker
Date: March 19,2024
RE: Support for H7875

Thank you for taking the time to read my brief letter. I have been a public School School Worker for over 19 years. I see firsthand the value of having Community Health Workers (CHW) in the schools. As a clinician, I have needed the support of the CHW worker to help with outreach and coordination with families. Everyone is talking about the mental health needs of our youth so here is a great time to support students and their families by allowing this position of CHW be billable for all the work these individuals do to proactively support MENTAL HEALTH and everyday life situations. I am familiar with the CHW and their work in schools but CHW also can be employed in other settings. While this legislation will not provide all the funding needed to sustain CHW services, private insurance reimbursement is part of the funding solution and an important first step in the right direction.

Thank you for considering this bill and all the help it could provide!!

All the best,
Rebecca Angell

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M-F 8:00 a.m.- 2:45 p.m