

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF IOWA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 125 was introduced into the 1991-92 Legislature for the purpose of developing a licensing process for Social Workers and other helping professionals, and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 125, as amended by the Joint Finance Committee, would allow only those individuals who possess a Bachelors of Social Work degree to be licensed as a Social Worker and use the title of Social Worker, and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 125 has already been passed by the Wisconsin Assembly and is awaiting action by the Senate, and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 125, as amended, will not allow Counties to hire individuals without a Social Work degree as social workers, and

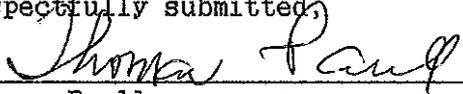
WHEREAS, if Assembly Bill 125 is enacted it would create a hardship on Iowa and similar rural counties in their ability to hire social work staff because:

1. There are not sufficient numbers of available Bachelors of Social Work available in the state to staff all of the County positions, and
2. Those Bachelors of Social Work who graduate must receive additional training in the county before assuming their duties, and
3. Most available Bachelors of Social Work will look to larger counties for employment because of higher wages and benefits, and
4. Licensing of social workers will result in increased cost to the county because it creates a new class of licensed employees, now

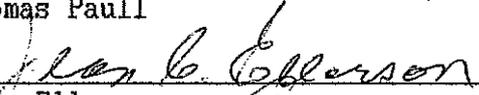
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors oppose the enactment of Assembly Bill 125 in both it's original and amended form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the elected representatives serving Iowa County and to the Wisconsin County Boards Association.

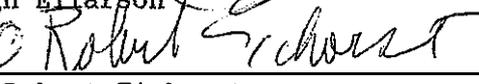
Respectfully submitted,



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IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES