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To whom it may concern,

My name is Catherine Armour. I am a Master of Social Work student at Dalhousie University, and I am writing to express my grave concern for the recently instated Bill 201: The Justice and Social Services Act. By repealing the Social Work Act and bringing the social work profession under the Regulated Health Professions Act, the provincial government has directly and negatively impacted social workers' ability to support Nova Scotians effectively and holistically.

As social workers, we support the well-being of youth, adults, families, and communities through advocacy, resource navigation, counselling, and community development. All these activities require, first and foremost, a collaborative relationship built on trust. Given the historic and ongoing atrocities that the government has committed against its citizens—particularly Indigenous communities and African Nova Scotians—I fear government regulation of the profession will destroy the respect and trust that Nova Scotians have for social workers.

I implore you to reconsider Bill 201, and instead, allow the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers to continue as an independent entity. If you care about the livelihood and well-being of our province's most vulnerable citizens, you will reconsider this change.

Sincerely,

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