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NASW/TX Applauds the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners (TSBSWE) Decision to Keep Full Anti-Discrimination Language in the Social Work Code of Conduct

National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter (NASW/TX) applauds the decision from the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners (TSBSWE) to keep the Social Work Code of Conduct intact, maintaining anti-discrimination protections for persons who identify as having a disability or based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Social workers stand with the Board and their decision to reject discriminatory changes recommended by the Governor’s office and supported in a non-binding legal opinion by the Attorney General. TSBSWE maintained their autonomy to decide the ethical practice of the social work profession, which includes all rules covering the Social Work Code of Conduct. Social workers from across the state and country spoke up with a collective unity of voices, and countless advocacy groups, state legislators, and others voiced their support for anti-discrimination language in the Code of Conduct.

By remaining a key part of the Code of Conduct, the anti-discrimination provisions affirm that everyone in Texas can access services. NASW/TX, along with our many partners, will continue to fight for a Texas Code of Conduct that aligns with the NASW Code of Ethics to ensure that Texans with disabilities or who identify as LGBTQIA+ are not subject to any form of discrimination.