Dear Social Work Internship Supervisor,

Every long legislative session in North Carolina the National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter (NASW-NC) invites hundreds of social workers and social work students to the North Carolina General Assembly to participate in the North Carolina Social Work Advocacy Day. The goal of this event is to further social workers’ knowledge about policy issues in substantive areas of social work practice, teach participants about legislative advocacy, and provide an opportunity for social workers to educate their legislators about the social work profession.

Why Should You and Your Interns Attend?
Social Work Advocacy is incorporated into your student intern’s learning agreement. The Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) adopted nice Social Work Competencies which include:

**Competency 3: Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.** Social workers understand strategies designed to eliminate oppressive structural barriers to ensure that social goods, rights, and responsibilities are distributed equitably and that civil, political, environmental, economic, social, and cultural human rights are protected.

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services.** Social workers understand that human rights and social justice, as well as social welfare and services, are mediated by policy and its implementation at the federal, state, and local levels.

**NASW Code of Ethics:** 6. SOCIAL WORKERS’ ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE BROADER SOCIETY

6.04 Social and Political Action (a) Social workers should engage in social and political action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, employment, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully. Social workers should be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs and promote social justice.

What better way to introduce this social work ethical standard to your students than to have them participate in the NASW-NC Social Work Advocacy Day on Wednesday, March 1, 2023?

You have heard that there is strength in numbers and this is precisely what we strive to achieve by gathering as many social workers as possible at the North Carolina General Assembly on March 1.

Advocacy is an integral part of the social work profession. Without advocacy, we could not be the strong profession that we are. Should you have further questions or concerns about our 2023 Social Work Advocacy Day event, please do not hesitate to reach out to the NASW-NC office.

Sincerely,

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