"Anti-discriminatory provisions in the Code of Conduct for Social Workers are essential for persons with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Removing these protections could result in their being denied mental health and other services from social workers.

"I join the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in requesting that the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners and the Behavioral Health Executive Council retain their authority to draft ethical rules and standards of social work practices, including non-discrimination protections. Inclusive policies encourage more persons to seek help and enhance equal access to care for all."