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Submitted to the Committee on Higher Education  
For HB 2100

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Hearing Date: April 3, 2023 10:00 AM

Susan Burek

Self: I am a Parent and a parent advocate for people with disabilities  
Austin, TX

I SUPPORT HB 2100, which relates to eligibility requirements for student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.

Since there is a serious shortage of mental health professionals in Texas who can provide these essential services to people who need them, this bill attempts to correct that situation by extending the student loan repayment assistance program to students enrolled in these programs.

PLEASE APPROVE HB 2100.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Chair Kunish

National Alliance on Mental Illness-Central Texas Affiliate  
Austin, TX

I support this bill!

Jan Frieze, CEO

Texas Counseling Association (TCA)  
Austin, TX

TCA supports HB 2100 as an effective strategy to increase retention rates for mental health professionals by providing additional pathways to reduce their student loan debt and work with vulnerable populations.

Naomi Cruz Ojeda

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Austin, TX

Currently the LRPMHP is only for professionals working in designated under served areas. However, that leaves out several LMHAs and state hospitals located in suburban and urban areas. SB 804 and HB 2100 would ensure that LMHA and state hospitals can use the LRPMHP as a strong recruitment and incentive tool to grow their behavioral health workforce.