LANGDON AREA HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL "HOME OF THE CARDINALS"

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To: Representative Monson

I support HB 1217 which appears to allow individuals with counseling degrees outside the realm of school counseling to be granted a provisional license and work for a school district serving students while pursuing the school counseling licensure. I would fully support this process as I feel it would serve our students at a time when it is difficult to find school counselors and into the future as needed.

During the 2019-2020 school year the Langdon Area School District could not recruit a school counselor and although we were able to contract for some services, we struggled to serve the needs of our students. In our search process, we were approached by individuals with other counseling degrees who would have been interested in serving our students and pursuing the school counseling licensure if they could work for the school district during this transition.

Respectfully Submitted,

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