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## **Rep. Gene Wu and House Colleagues Urge Behavioral Health Executive Council to Address Licensure Backlog**

AUSTIN, TX- State Rep. Gene Wu (D-Houston) and a bipartisan coalition of Texas House members sent a letter to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, urging the importance of immediately addressing the overwhelming backlog in social worker examinations and licensing. The members offered the Texas legislature's support in resolving this obstacle, with the goal of getting our highly-trained social workers licensed and able to serve their communities more quickly.

Wu stated, "This continued backlog in the licensing of social workers could not be at a worse possible time. Texans are under incredible pressure from the pandemic and economic shutdown. For the well-being of our state, to protect our children, our elderly, and our vulnerable populations, the newly created Behavioral Health Executive Council [BHEC] must step up and exceed expectations to solve the backlog they've inherited. Myself and fellow legislators stand ready to offer our support to BHEC, as Texans are counting on them in this crisis."

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