



Economic Development Corp.

**Via Email**

Elizabeth Walker

Deputy General Counsel

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

*Re:* LSA Document # 25-820 /Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Walker,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-5(c)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document # 25-820 submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #25-820 amends 839 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 1-2-5 to include a fifty (\$50) dollar fee, which expires every two (2) years, for the issuance of a Compact privilege for professional counselors to practice in Indiana and other Compact member states.

The Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board provided analysis displays a proper due diligence and understanding of how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance while minimizing the potential impact to small businesses and individuals. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman is neutral on the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at [ombudsman@iedc.in.gov](mailto:ombudsman@iedc.in.gov).

Sincerely,

Caleb Wakeman

Small Business Ombudsman

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