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Hon. Carmel Sepuloni
Minister of Social Development
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Mālō e laumalie Carmel,

On behalf of the Social Workers Registration Board I am writing to offer my congratulations on your appointment as Minister for Social Development. We feel especially fortunate given your knowledge and interest in social work, including your Members Bill supporting mandatory registration and your involvement with the Social Services Committee.

As you will recall from the Select Committee Inquiry into the Operation of the Social Workers Registration Act there are a number of challenges that the social work profession is facing. However, we believe we are well placed to make progress - in particular towards mandatory registration, in light of the broad support for legislation that was introduced in August 2017. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss this further, along with how we can work to support your priorities as our Minister.

Faka'apa'apa atu,

Shayne Walker
Chair, Social Workers Registration Board