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Re: Proposed Rule Change Under 21 NCAC 54.2008 (Psychological Associate)

September 16, 2019

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am writing in regards to the proposed amendment that would allow Psychological Associates the ability to practice without supervision after specific criteria have been met. I would like to go on record as **supporting** such a change as LPA's that are able to fulfill the standards as set forth by the Board over a given period of time have demonstrated, in my experience, that they can reasonably and responsibly practice within the bounds of good judgment.

Additionally, I would like to mention the fact that LPA's have more formal training than do LPC's or MSW's who, as you know, do not require on-going supervision yet have consistently shown themselves competent to carry out their professional duties.

Sincerely.

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