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To whom it may concern:

Good morning. I have been a licensed and practicing master level psychologist since 2006. I received my degree and initial licensure in the state of Michigan and practiced there for 2 1/2 years before moving with my family to North Carolina. It was not until I arrived that I realized that NC has mandatory life-long supervision for master-level psychologists. Making matters worse, it is not a state mandate for other practicing clinicians, just psychologists. It is my opinion that psychologists are very highly trained while in graduate school and they also receive excellent, intense training during the first few years following licensure. This makes it incredibly difficult to understand why psychologists, of all the clinically trained professionals, would be singled out as requiring life-long supervision. It is not that I feel I am above supervision or believe that there will not come a time in the future that I will not require input from other professionals but, having practiced for over 13 years now, I feel that I have a pretty good handle on my specialties and could benefit from more relaxed requirements. Needing to follow strict supervision guidelines has personally put me at a disadvantage for job opportunities as employers would often prefer to hire those able to work independently. I am in favor of ending mandatory life-long supervision for masters-level psychologists in the state of North Carolina. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lauran Chenoweth