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To: North Carolina Psychology Board

Re: Proposed rule change under 21 NCAC 54.2008

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Hello,

I am writing in support of proposed changes to the lifelong supervision requirement for Licensed Psychological Associates. I greatly value and support the need for clinical supervision early in a young Psychologist's career. However, there comes a time in the career of a professional in any arena where skill competency, if not mastery, is obtained. I have been practicing as a Master's Level Psychologist for almost 25 years. I presume that at this point in my career that I have obtained some level of mastery of my practice as a Psychologist. In fact, over the last 10 years of my career, I have held positions as Clinical or Program Director for Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, PRTF and Acute Care programs. I always found it was ironic that as I was providing clinical and programmatic supervision for these agencies to clinicians of various disciplines (LPC, LMFT, LCSW, LPA) that I myself was required to participate in clinical supervision. I would strongly encourage the approval of the proposed changes to clinical supervision as a sign of acknowledgement for the experience and mastery obtained by those of us that have had longevity in the field.

Thank you,



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