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Dear fellow clinical colleagues,

I have been a NC-LPA practitioner since 1975. In 1983 I moved to Pennsylvania, while retaining the NC- LPA, and also later acquiring certification as HSP-PA, in NC.

In Pennsylvania I was able to become fully licensed as a Psychologist for complete and independent (unsupervised) full-time private practice, which I continued in until I moved back to NC in 2014. In 2015 I was able to revise and preserve my PA Psychologist License with the designation of "Inactive" status as authorized by the PA Psychology Board.

I have recently pursued returning to clinical practice in NC, in a psychology group in my home area of Sylva, NC. Once again, after 31 years of competent and successful independent clinical practice, I am now respectfully submitting to restricted clinical work and/or routine supervision sessions, as required. Both I and my supervisor are spending significant time with each other, as needed. I am concerned that as my own clinical services hours grow within the practice group, our supervision hours will also grow and could potentially usurp productive time from what could be more meaningful direct services to our clients.

Suffice to say, I find it incredibly discriminatory to not allow Master level HSP-PA psychology practitioners to provide services commensurate with other independent Masters trained mental health providers and colleagues. I would be very grateful if our own state NCPA would become more considerate and current with the APA and other numerous other and national health associations. For the sake of our many colleagues and also our own under-served clientele, I wish NCPA could agree to suspend the infighting, and instead welcome us by reaching out with dignity and support to us as colleagues, rather dismissively disregarding us as underlings.

The current animosity and resentful conditions remind me of a remark spoken by our former esteemed APA President, Seymour B. Sarason who observed to the effect that there exists a malaise within psychology about psychology. In North Carolina today it is regrettable to see this 40 year old commentary to still be applicable in our own *modern* psychology community.

Respectfully submitted, with warm regards,

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