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Thank you for allowing my comments regarding the proposed rule change 21 NCAC 54.2008 which would end career long supervision for LPAs in the state.

PLEASE ALLOW THIS RULE CHANGE BY YOUR MEMBERS!!

I am a proud member of the psychology discipline. I have had a MA in Clinical Psychology from a NC school since 1987 and been a licensed LPA through the NCPB since 1988. Thirty-one years!

I am baffled by our discipline. In the world of 21st-century, when every other masters level discipline allows independence after a two year period of supervision and experience, why we can not seem to move forward is a mystery. In my world of fighting to keep from being cynical I can only logically come to the aspects of power and money.

Research shows independent MA leveled clinicians do not do more harm than PhD leveled clinicians. PhD leveled clinicians are not more sought after once insurance requirements are taken out of the mix. We would still pay dues, obtain continuing education and respectfully present and support our discipline. PLEASE RESPECTFULLY CHANGE THIS RULE!

I have had 31 years and two months of supervision!! I do not remember how long I had been an LPA prior to the last rule change granting me supervision ONLY MONTHLY due to my years of longevity and experience. PLEASE RESPECTFULLY CHANGE THIS RULE!

When all other disciplines treating the residents of North Carolina clinically -- Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy -- will allow independence after a period of experience and supervision and yet psychology will not, I can only come to the conclusion that the power and financial gain of the PhD Psychologist continues to cloud professional judgment and that the work of independence is not worth it to them. PLEASE RESPECTFULLY CHANGE THIS RULE! We have, in my opinion, a more stringent education than those other disciplines. Allow us to work in parody.

I am a business owner and can literally hire provisionally licensed clinicians in any other discipline than psychology and those individuals will be able to be hired by me, employed by me, administratively supervised by me and yet they will soon be able to be accepted on insurance panels and treat individuals that will not allow me because I am "not licensed at the highth of my discipline". They will be hired instead of me, treat people that would rather be treated by me, a psychologist, and yet not allowed to. They will also be able to discontinue their supervision while I only have the *possibility* of a rule change, *again*, to allow me the same respect and privilege. PLEASE RESPECTFULLY CHANGE THIS RULE!

Respectfully,

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