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**From:** John Wilson <sandhillpsych@gmail.com>  
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Good Morning,

I would like to voice my support for the revision to the current supervision requirement for LPA's in NC. For most of my career I worked in a position with the State of NC ( Children's Developmental Services Agency); UNCW Counseling Center; Sandhills Center LME and was provided supervision without a financial cost to me personally. I now have a private practice and face the monthly financial cost as many of my colleagues know all too well, as well as the cost of time and expenses to travel to my place of supervision. I feel this is an unnecessary burden, especially as it is unique to our licensure as LPA's when compared with other professionals.

Second, the opportunity to be reimbursed/employed is limited by this restraint on our independence. Let's level the playing field with other Masters level professionals.

Third, and from my perspective most importantly, in my area of Moore County and surrounding areas, providers of mental health services are typically exceedingly difficult to find, despite the critically urgent needs of its residents of all ages. If increasing the independence of only ONE LPA would help meet the needs of one client - especially ONE child, then I feel it would be worthwhile. Too many times I have had to tell tearful parents that there are no providers of services in our community for their child. Please let's remove any potential barriers to access that this supervision requirement might - even if unintended.

Finally, in today's us vs. them climate, wouldn't it be a great day for Psychology to come together to benefit all North Carolinians?

Respectfully,

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