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Dear Psychology Board members,

My name is Jason D. Johnstone MA LPA (license number 4645). I have been licensed with the board as an LPA since 2014. I am writing you to show my support for the motion to end career long supervision for LPAs (i.e. proposed rule change 21 NCAC 54.2008). While I do believe that supervision has been useful to me personally and a good thing in general, the idea that it must persist forever seems unreasonable, excessive, and has no empirical justification. There must be a compromise regarding the length of supervision (3 years vs 5 years for example), or whether or not the LPA passed the EPPP at the doctorate level. It seems rational to me that if after completing 5 years of supervision (with no complaints and good supervisor ratings) and if the LPA passed the EPPP exam above the PHD cutoff, then there seems no rational justification to suggest that the LPA would not be completely capable of independent practice.

There are many limitations to career long supervision. I for example have been unable to be credentialed with United Health care, Cigna, Magellan, and of course Medicare due to my supervision - associate status. This limits my ability to make a living and limits the amount of clients I can offer my services to. I find this to be the greatest impediment to career long supervision. The cost of supervision is another issue of course, but for me personally it's primarily my inability to be credentialed with many insurance companies, while other masters prepared clinicians are readily doing so.

In summary, I hope that you can support the motion to end career long supervision, as it seems justifiable on logical and empirical grounds, and it will be of benefit to the public who need mental health services and to all of the LPA's that wish to offer their skills and services unencumbered by career long supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

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