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To Mr. Daniel Collins,

I am writing this e-mail to support the NC Psychology Board rule addressing supervision (21 NCAC 54 .2008). The proposed changes would allow LPAs parity with other master's level mental health providers such as LPCs and LCSWs and is long overdue. Due to the supervision requirements of LPAs, we are currently ineligible for many insurance panels including United Healthcare, Aetna and Medicare.

For background information, I would like to include that I have been licensed as an LPA in North Carolina since 2005 and prior to this was licensed as an LPE (Licensed Psychological Examiner) in Tennessee from 1998-2003. In addition, I passed the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) at the doctoral level. I have over 19 years' experience providing quality psychological services through both therapy and psychological assessments. I find it frustrating that with my educational background, practicums, over 19 years of clinical experience, and exam score on the EPPP, that I cannot independently practice within my scope of practice in the same way that other master's level providers can in our state.

Again, I am writing to support the NC Psychology Board rule changes being proposed that would allow for LPA independent licensure.

Respectfully,  
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