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NCPB:

I am writing in support of the rule change that will discontinue the interminable supervision requirement for Master's level psychologists (LPAs). This rule change is clearly supported by many doctoral level psychologists who recognize the need for acknowledging the place and respect for LPAs who often provide psychological services within areas of the state and for indigent populations that are often plagued by a lack of clinical providers. As a now 30 year practicing LPA, I am one of those psychologists whose clinical work has been dedicated to the "under-served" within outlying areas of the state. I have certainly benefitted from doctoral supervision for the past three decades, however, there are limited clinical supervisors who have my level of experience or are versed in the clinical population of my specialty (children with sexual behavior problems).

I have faithfully met and discussed clinical matters with my clinical supervisor on the schedule that is required. I am confident that continuing education and my commitment to securing additional clinical input on my cases will continue irrespective of the 'rule change.' However, It is long overdue for LPAs to be recognized and respected as legitimate and professionally responsible/responsive practitioners equal to their peers in the LCSW and LPC domains. A 'tiered' process whereby new LPAs can benefit from in-depth and scheduled clinical supervision is warranted and necessary. However the time frame and the review process for determining when this level of clinical supervision is no longer 'required' should be the primary focus of the NCPB.

Sincerely,

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