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To Whom It May Concern,

I am making public comment today with regards to LPA licensure and supervision. As a licensed psychologist who supervises an LPA, it is of concern to me that there is no path being provided for masters-level psychology practitioners to reach independent licensure. While supervision is important for early and mid-career LPAs, at a certain point, the requirement for continued supervision is pointless. My supervisee has been practicing since before I completed junior high school - after 30+ years of work in the field, I strongly believe he should be able to practice without the need for supervision. Surely, at some point in the last 30 years, his experience level became more important than the several years of schooling that he is missing in comparison to a doctoral-level psychologist. We do ourselves, our patients, our colleagues, and the public a disservice by not allowing a path to independent licensure for masters-level psychologist, as certain insurance companies will not panel LPAs due to the lack of their independent licensure status, but other masters-level practitioners (LPCs, LCSWs) are allowed to practice with independent licenses.

I feel strongly that any changes to the LPA practice and supervision act must include a path towards the independent licensure that is enjoyed by masters-level practitioners of other mental health disciplines.

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