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To the Members of NC Psychology Board:

I am a level 3 Licensed Psychological Associate (license number 2298) practicing in North Carolina since October 1998 as a provisional psychologist and since November 1999 as a licensed psychologist. I previously worked 14.5 years in the Commonwealth of Virginia fully recognized as a psychologist under the umbrella of the institution of Central Virginia Training Center. I worked from January 2000 until June 2015 at O'Berry Center in North Carolina and at Central Prison Mental Health Complex from June 2015 through the present. I have a total of 35 years of experience.

I have trained many of the doctoral level psychologists including some of my supervisors during my Career. I function highly independently and sometimes find supervision sessions awkward as I may have more to offer than some of my previous supervisors.

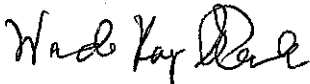
I plan to retire in a few years and have my own business set up (PsychWorks by Steele). I have not offered services under this PLLC yet but will become active after I retire in a few years. I am hoping I will not have to pay a PhD to provide once monthly supervision when that time comes. In addition, it will be difficult to obtain the needed insurance panels for reimbursement if I am not considered independently licensed.

Many job advertisements in the Federal government accept PhD psychologists only. Perhaps if we were independently licensed some of these opportunities would open up to us. The Federal government is always short of psychologists. In addition, there are many mental health needs in the community and the population could be more readily served without long wait times between appointments.

LPAS should have the same status as LPCs, LCSWs and LMFTs without having to go through such rigorous supervision requirements. I hope that the NC Psychology Board will approve the proposal that would allow us the dignity to practice independently.

Thanking you in advance for your careful consideration, I am

Respectfully,



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