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To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Michael R. Youron, M.A., LPA and LP in Pa. I have been in the practice of Psychology since 1990, as a Master's Level Psychologist with no Board actions. The reason I start with this is the the NCPA and the APA contend that Master's Level Practitioners must be supervised to protect the community, yet I would contend that there is no significant statistical evidence that supports their statement, that Master's Level practitioners are more prone to endanger the community or violate the code of ethics of the practice of Psychology. The truth is the issue that was revealed at a Spring NCPA conference by Past APA and NCPA President Tony Fuente is not concern for the community but the concern for the economy. That if Master's level Psychologist's could be independent we could possibly threaten the income and market of Psychological Practice by providing the service at a lower cost, and provide the service to the community at large and not be prohibited from being paneled by Insurance providers who withhold our being paneled because of the life long requirement for supervision.

The prejudice and bias of te NCPA and the APA toward Master's level practitioners of Psychology is evident in their practice of membership for which we are charged the same rate as Doctoral members but not considered full members, yet we are required to maintain the same levels of Ethical compliance and CEU's as Doctoral's , The life long requirement for supervision equates to indentured servitude. The Master's Level practitioner is required to pay for supervision, pay the same rate for license renewal, maintain the same requirement for CEU's, maintain Insurance for Independent Practice but for life be denied the ability to practice Independently.

The most recent revision to the requirement that supervision for LPA without clearly identifying what is required is of concern as it may constitute a conflict of Interest as a Supervisor has the ability to determine as much as weekly supervision while the supervise has no remedy to appeal, and the supervisor has no option to recommend no supervision necessary. So it amounts to an arbitrary and unstructured continuation of indentured servitude eliminating independence and scope of practice and the community looses, due to an elimination of practitioners.

I would styrongly encourage the consideration of Independence for Master's Level Psychologists.

Thank you, Sincerely,

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