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To: NO Reply <NoReply@ncpsychologyboard.org>
Subject: Proposed rule change - 21 NCAC 54.2008

Dear NCPB,

I am writing in support of the rule change that would end career-long supervision for LPAs. I have an MS degree in Clinical Psychology. I practiced independently at The Cleveland Clinic in Florida for 7 years before relocating to North Carolina to join the faculty at UNC. I was shocked to discover that I would now be required to seek supervision in order to continue my practice in North Carolina. I am currently in private practice part-time and continue my research part-time at UNC as an Associate Professor in the School of Medicine. As you know MSWs practice in NC independently. When I received my MS degree in 1992, I believe that I was better trained to engage in psychotherapy compared to the academic and practical experience that was required for MSWs. I believe this discrepancy is due to the well organized national association of MSWs. I encourage the NCPB to correct this unfair infringement of the professional activities of LPAs and accept the proposed rule change that will allow LPAs to pursue their professional activities without this unfair restriction on our livelihood.

Sincerely,

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