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Representative Bob Herron  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 110

Dear Mr. Herron:

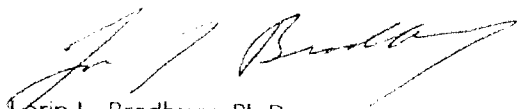
This letter is in support of HB 110, which has the support of both the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, and the Alaska Psychological Association. The most substantial change by passage of this bill will be to AS 08.86.180(b). Passage of this bill is clearly in the best interest of the public because it provides the level of protection to the public that was originally intended by the passage of a licensing law for psychologists.

As the law currently stands, it has led some to believe that AS 08.86.180(b)(1) exempts a variety of individuals who might be eligible for licensure from the requirement of licensure. Passage of HB 110 will more clearly define who needs to obtain licensure.

Passage of this bill will not discriminate against school psychologists who are credentialed by the Department of Education, nor against those already exempted from licensure by federal law. Also, it will not negatively impact other mental health professionals because they are already protected under AS 08.86.180(b)(5) and (d).

Thank you for your support of this very worthy piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



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