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Please receive this letter in support of SB 41 requiring fingerprinting for licensure as a Psychologist and Psychological Associate.

I have been a Licensed Psychological Associate since 1992. Served two terms on the licensing board, and ended my term as the chairperson. This is an issue that I have long supported, and championed during my time on the board.

The requirement for fingerprinting is a good fit with one of the primary functions of the licensing board, that is protection of the public.

Psychology is a trusted profession. Psychologist and psychological associates work with vulnerable populations. In consideration of the profession and national licensing trends, this seems a reasonable requirement. Many other professions who are in positions of authority or work with vulnerable populations are subject to a fingerprinting or criminal background check requirement. Such a requirement also further ensures public confidence in the professional community of psychologists and psychological associates.

Sincerely,

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