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Representative Kurt Olson,
Chairman, House Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Reference: HB376

Dear Representative Olson;

I am legislative Chairman of the Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA) and I am writing to inform you of our associations support of the passage of HB376, the extension of the sunset date of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners to 2018. The legislative Audit Department recommended the longest sunset extension allowed, eight years (8). This action speaks to the effectiveness of the Psychological Licensing Board.

The Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA) feels that the Board is meeting its obligations to properly license the professionals in our field and is protecting the public by ensuring the proper education and competency of licensed psychologists in the Alaska. Please pass HB376 and allow this board to continue doing its work.

I will be teleconferencing with you on this bill as it is heard in the House HESS committee and Labor and Commerce Committee.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Chair, AK-PA