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Dear Dr. Bradbury;

The Executive Board of the Alaska Psychological Association voted unanimously at its February 11th meeting to support the efforts of the Psychological Licensing Board to modify the language of the Psychology Licensing Law that describes who can call themselves Psychologists or advertise themselves as Psychologists. Currently in the Scope of practice section of our license, any mental health professional working in a government agency, private mental health clinic or other mental health organization could potentially practice as a licensed psychologist and advertise themselves as such in providing psychological evaluations, psychological testing and related psychological reports to the public or other agencies. The Alaska Psychological Association Executive Board appointed Phillip Baker Ed.D. And Robert Lane Ph.D. to work with the Psychological Licensing Board to help prepare and testify in new legislation to close this loop hole. We feel that anyone working in any setting that is holding themselves out as a psychologist, MUST HAVE A PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSE.

This letter was written to display the support of our professional organization for this proposed legislation. If there are further questions about this letter, please direct them to Dr. Phillip Baker Ed.D., Legislative Chair Person for the Alaska Psychological Association. Dr. Baker's telephone number is: (907) 562-2392. His email address is:

Sincerely,
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Phillip Baker Ed.D.
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