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Subject: HB 276 - inactive license for psychologists

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## Dear House Labor & Commerce Committee members:

I'm emailing you in strong support for HB 276 which would create an inactive license status for psychologists and psychological associates.

I believe you're aware of most of the potential benefits for this option, including the possible need for extended medical leave, sabbaticals, and other ways in which it would be helpful to have an inactive status.

Personally, I'd welcome an inactive status that would allow me (eventually) to retire from active practice, with the option of reactivating my license should the need arise.

Further, I am not aware of any real down side to creating an inactive license status, and I hope you will support HB 276.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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