



March 10, 2015

The Honorable Catherine Baker
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4153
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 773 (BAKER) – PSYCHOLOGY LICENSING
SPONSOR & SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Baker:

The California Board of Psychology (Board) is sponsoring and **SUPPORTS AB 773**, which will ensure initial psychologist licenses expire two years from the initial issuance date.

First time licensees of the Board are currently paying the full license amount for their license when they are not always receiving that license for the complete two-year period. First time licensees are at the start of their careers as psychologists and have often incurred significant student debts in the process of earning undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. The establishment of an initial license period that is always 24 months will stop these licensees paying a full fee for an abbreviated license period.

The Board's mission is to advance quality psychological services for Californians by ensuring ethical and legal practice and supporting the evolution of the profession.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Officer, Antonette Sorrick, at (916) 574-7113. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Erickson".

MICHAEL ERICKSON, PH.D.
President, Board of Psychology