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The Honorable Evan Low California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 2175 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 750 (LOW) - BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS: RETIRED CATEGORY: LICENSES SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Low:

The California Board of Psychology (Board) is proud to **SUPPORT AB 750**, which would allow boards and bureaus within the DCA to establish, by regulation, a system for a retired category of licensure for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of a profession or vocation.

Currently the Board has no statutory authority to issue a retired license. A psychologist may place his or her license on "inactive" status or not pay the \$50.00 inactive renewal and become "delinquent". A psychologist who has worked under a license for decades will appear in our system as "inactive" or "delinquent". This situation will be remedied by the creation of a retired license category.

The Board's 2014-2018 Strategic Plan calls for creation of a 'retired' status for licensed psychologists. AB 750 will permit the Board to achieve this goal through regulation.

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,

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