

August 31, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2221 (BLOOM) – Occupational Therapy

Dear Governor Brown:

This bill would make various changes to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act including changes to the definition of the practice of Occupational Therapy. Psychologists and Occupational Therapists have a long and collaborative history of working together to help individuals with physical disabilities, and mental and behavioral health disorders to achieve their therapy goals and improve their quality of life.

At the August 17, 2018, Board meeting, the Board worked with the sponsor of the bill on clarifying amendments to the definition of occupational therapy, now included in the bill as amended on August 24, 2018.

The Board is pleased to **Support** AB 2221 (Bloom) as this bill modernizes the Occupational Therapy Practice Act and more accurately reflects the practice of occupational therapy and the psychosocial benefits that this therapy can create for consumers.

For this reason, the Board asks that you sign AB 2221 (Bloom). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Officer, Antonette Sorrick, at (916) 574-7113.

Sincerely,



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President, Board of Psychology

Cc: Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer
Camille Wagner, Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor