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Ms. Kimberly T. de Bien
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RE: Proposed Regulations from the State Board of Psychology Dealing with
Sexual Intimacies

Dear Ms. De Bien:

Thank you for forwarding the information on the proposed regulations to the Professional Psychologists Practice Act dealing with sexual intimacies. We are pleased that the State Board of Psychology has responded positively to the concerns that we expressed about a previous draft of these regulations. Consequently, we withdraw our objections to these regulations.

We do note that the new definition of client is worded awkwardly. However, we trust that the State Board of Psychology will interpret the definition in light of current statutes which permit minors, under some very limited circumstances, to seek treatment on their own without parental consent, and that the new definition is not construed as meaning that the minors or incapacitated adults have the right to control the release of information generated in therapy.

Sincerely,

Samuel Knapp, Ed.D.
Director of Professional Affairs

cc: The Honorable Clarence Bell, Senate Consumer and Protection Committee
The Honorable Mario Civera, House Professional Licensure Committee
Dr. Joseph French, Chair, State Board of Psychology

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