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Stephen T. DeMers, Ed.D.
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Dear Dr. DeMers:

The American Telemedicine Association is pleased to support the critical efforts of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards to achieve the passage of the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) based on mutual recognition.

For telemedicine to achieve its maximum potential nationwide, psychologists must be able to practice at the top of their scope across the barriers of geography. Passage of the PSYPACT will empower psychologists to participate in and benefit from a variety of innovative service delivery models featuring a multi-disciplinary team approach to provide and coordinate a patient's care. Patients will reap the ultimate rewards of these efforts.

We believe that the structure and tenets of the PSYPACT provide the checks and balances to ensure enhanced access to the qualified mental health workforce in our country. At the same time, the Compact will provide a multi-state licensing framework for other health professionals using advanced technologies.

Our research shows that telemedicine provides value, access and quality of care. Telemedicine is a key component to alleviate the burdens of workforce shortages and inadequate health care access. The PSYPACT is essential to the practice of mental and behavioral health now and in the future. We highly support your efforts and vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan D. Linkous". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jonathan D. Linkous
Chief Executive Officer