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Dear Dr. DeMers:

The American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) is pleased to support the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Psychological (ASPPB) Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). The development of PSYPACT represents a significant and important step in the profession of psychology, allowing interjurisdictional practice of telepsychology as well as the ability to practice for a limited period of time while physically located in a PSYPACT participating jurisdiction. As the umbrella organization of 15 psychology specialty boards, The American Board of Professional Psychology understands the importance of being able to provide specialty, as well as generalist, services in multiple jurisdictions and recognizes that PSYPACT permits the use of current technology to facilitate such provision of services.

ABPP’s review of the PSYPACT was thorough and we appreciate the responses that ASPPB provided in our efforts to complete a comprehensive review prior to providing this letter of support. We recognize that several years of work has preceded PSYPACT, much of which was completed in collaboration with the American Psychological Association and the American Insurance Trust. Psychology and telepsychology practice now has a means for providers to legitimately practice as well as a mechanism for the oversight of such practice. This is important for the profession as well as for protection of the public.

On behalf of ABPP and each of its member specialty boards, we applaud this step and look forward to the widespread acceptance and implementation of PSYPACT.

Sincerely,

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