



# CPA Advocacy Update

Dear Colleague,

We did it-AB 5 is headed to the Governor for signature! If signed into law, this will be a huge victory for psychologists in California.

[AB 5 \(Gonzalez\)](#) will implement the CA Supreme Court *Dynamex* decision related to classification of employees vs. independent contractors. CPA spent most of 2019 in discussion with the Assemblymember's office urging for an amendment to exempt psychologists from the bill, so that psychologists could continue to work with, and work as, independent contractors.

And....**WE DID IT!** The bill was amended to EXEMPT psychologists from AB 5 and the *Dynamex* decision. If the bill is signed into law, psychologists will be under the Independent Contractor provisions of the *Borello* test, which has been used for 30 years, and that is the outcome we fought for! In fact, only four health care practitioner groups are exempted from the bill: psychologists, physicians, podiatrists, and dentists. All other health care providers, including all other mental health providers, are still under the provisions of AB 5.

The bill passed the Senate and Assembly this week and is on the Governor's Desk. The Governor has until October 13th to sign or veto the measure. CPA members can view a sample letter [here](#) (*please log in to your CPA account*). To send the letter to the Governor, please [click here](#). Directions on how to submit an email to the Governor are included in the letter template.

Again, we thank all of our members for your continued support; your loyalty to CPA allows us to fight on your behalf! If you are not a current member of CPA, please consider formally adding your voice to our advocacy efforts. To join or renew your membership, please [click here](#). We need everyone's help so that we can continue to win victories for Psychology.

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