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Appeal to Heal, Move to Improve

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Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I am Dr, James Pinkney III. I have a doctorate from Argosy University and I am currently completing my requirements for Psychologist licensure. I have a private practice in Aurora providing therapy to underserved populations. After retirement from 28 years of military service in the US Army I began my educational and clinical journey into the mental health profession by registering as a Registered Psychotherapist in 2011. Since then, I completed my undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees as I moved up the career ladder of a mental health professional. I now teach as well as practice.

I used Registration to enter the mental health profession and had diverse clinical experiences as I journeyed through university degree programs and challenging clinical work. Despite the false stereotypes about Registered Psychotherapists I was never “untrained, uneducated, or incapable of earning licensure”. I am a living example of the average mental health professional that starts their career with Registration. I have enjoyed my continuing competency requirements as a Licensed Professional Counselor. That is why I support this bill. All of our six regulated professions can benefit from the learning inherent in classes, volunteer service, mentoring, or presenting at conferences for professional competency credit. Registered Psychotherapists were excluded from the original legislation in 2009 for reasons unknown. This bill will correct that omission.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony. I am ready to answer any questions you may have.