

January 16, 2018

House of Representatives
Health Policy Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Chairman Vaupel and Members of the Health Policy Committee:

It is an honor to represent my fellow students at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology. My name is Josephine Cervantes, and I am a second-year clinical psychology doctoral student.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my strong support for SB 634, which allows for renewals of the temporary limited license of psychology (TLLP). By passing SB 634, students, such as those pursuing doctoral level degrees, will be allowed to be licensed during the entirety of their education. Not permitting extensions renders doctoral students *without* a TLLP diminished opportunities for potential clinical training sites. Further, without a license, students who must maintain part-time employment while attending their doctoral program can no longer work in the field for which they have been educated and trained at the master's level. The tremendous amount of time, resources, and tears pursuing a profession in clinical psychology may no longer be viable without reformation of the current law.

Chairman Vaupel, I humbly ask that you and fellow committee members consider adopting Senate Bill 634 and permit not only myself but also future psychology students the continuance of practicing therapy while pursuing higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josephine R. Cervantes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Josephine R. Cervantes
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