

**February 10, 2021**

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Re: HB 2208—Proponent Testimony

Mr. Long,

I am writing to encourage you to pass HB 2208. I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist under supervision, and since last March we have been conducting supervision by WebEx in an effort to do our part to curb the global pandemic. The bill states that “the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances.” I believe that, in light of the current pandemic, it is necessary to have supervision hours be counted when conducted by videoconference. If videoconference hours do not count, I will lose 40 of my supervision hours. The extenuating circumstances of the pandemic have caused many professions to conduct services virtually, including teletherapy, virtual doctor visits, and court cases. Please do your part to ensure the passage of HB 2208 so that clinical supervision hours conducted by videoconference may count toward the total number of required hours of supervision.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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KERRY JOSSIE, LMFT