

VOTE **NO** ON SB 171

- SBI 171 does **NOT** differentiate doctoral-level psychologists from master's-level practitioners.
- SB 171 does **NOT** distinguish between master's level practitioners who are practicing independently or under supervision.
- SB 171 does **NOT** propose a scope of practice for master's level that reflects their education, training, experience, and supervision.
- SB 171 does **NOT** incorporate the American Psychological Association's education and training standards for accreditation for master's psychology programs.
- SB 171 does **NOT** address future MA-level practitioners and as such will create a situation where NC is out of step with other jurisdictions in the US and other North American stakeholders.
- SB 171 does **NOT** bring NC into harmony with other states which would limit professional mobility and interstate practice opportunities for master's-level practitioners.

The North Carolina Psychological Association is a professional organization designed to serve the interests of psychologists in North Carolina. For more than 75 years, the NCPA has advocated for psychology as a science, a profession, and a means of promoting human welfare. It provides an organized voice for psychologists and promotes high standards for the profession. The interests of independent professional practice psychologists are aided by the NCPA Independent Practice Committee. NCPA is the North Carolina affiliate of the American Psychological Association.