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Attached is my testimony in OPPOSITION To conferring the designation of "psychologist" upon MA level- trained counselors:

It is critical to maintain the "psychologist" designation at the PhD level ONLY. This provides assurance to the public of the high level of training and adherence to professional standards of service provided by that professional.

The MA level-trained person does not meet the rigorous high standards of training, experience, and practice of the PhD. Psychologist.

This difference between PhD and MA levels needs to be conveyed to the consuming public; the PhD and MA designations serve this important purpose.

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