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In my experience working in the health care field the proposed change in scope of practice for psychologists qualifying for a prescribing permit would benefit the health, safety or welfare of the public.

Mental health is often managed by the primary care physicians, who have not had specialized training in psychopharmacology. This often leads to misdiagnose of mental illnesses and inappropriately prescribed medication.

One way to remedy this situation would be to expand the psychologists' scope of practice by allowing patients to see the same provider for both diagnosis and treatment. This will also help reduce the cost of health care and increase the quality/availability of proper mental health treatment.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Bullock RN, CRRN". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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