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Members of the Prescribing Psychologist Permit Technical Review Committee  
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I am writing to express my support for the RxP venture.

As a psychologist, I have had many clients who have difficulty getting access to medications, and often get discouraged because an appointment with a psychiatrist may not be available for several months. I have worked in both urban and rural settings and especially in the Scottsbluff area where there are a limited number of psychiatrists, leaving us with few options for referrals. Follow-up is also questionable as even after medications are prescribed, this appointment may also be several weeks out, raising concerns about monitoring drug effects. With so much demand on the psychiatrists, I question the effectiveness of the psychiatry appointments, as I have been told they are short and allow for little information gathering beyond writing a new script. This can complicate the symptoms of my clients and contribute to setbacks in our treatment.

Since psychologists already have the clinical knowledge, it seems only appropriate for us to be able to have prescription privileges pending further training. I believe this venture would simplify the process of medication distribution, putting less stress on one system to be a sole provider. With psychologists providing therapy and medications, this would also eliminate the client from seeing multiple providers, sharing their stories and symptoms multiple times, ensuring greater consistency in reporting and eliminating the "middle man."

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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