Good Day Colleagues,

Now is the time to take swift action! The Senate Health Committee will hear SB1374, the bill which outlines the changes to the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners you and your professional organizations have requested, on February 13. <u>Please take a few minutes this week to send a brief email to your legislators to let</u> them know you support SB1374 and the proposed changes.

Attached is the Bill and a list of legislators by district. If you do not know your district or who your legislators are, you can see a listing at this location: <u>List of Arizona House and Senate Legislators</u>. This will aid you in quickly finding your legislators' email (both Senate and House of Representatives).

Below is, in part, the email TPAA received from the Arizona Council of Human Service Providers (ACHSP), the organization that has been leading this initiative. For more information about ACHSP and legislative activities please peruse their website at <u>http://www.azcouncil.com</u>.

Also, please note that TPAA now has a website that may be accessed at http://www.tpallianceofaz.org .

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Your voice will be heard!!

Best regards,

Patricia Bonnay and Richard Poppy Therapeutic Practitioners Alliance of Arizona

As always, please feel free to forward this information to all interested parties.

FROM THE ARIZONA COUNCIL OF HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS (in part)

Attached is Senate Bill SB1374, the bill which reforms the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. There may be items in this bill that were not discussed in our stakeholder meetings. They were added by Senator Barto. Please note that Senator Barto is sponsoring the bill and the co-sponsors include Rep. Carter, who is the chair of the House Health Committee. We have both Republican and Democratic sponsors.

The bill will be heard in the Senate Health Committee at 9am on February 13, which is the Arizona Council's Day at the Capitol.

This is the time to send messages to all of the members of the legislature asking them to support the legislation. The emails and letters to the legislators have had a big impact, and we need you all to keep it up.

We need a unified voice on the changes. If you have concerns, please email them to me. Thank you for all your hard work. We need to keep it up to get the changes that will make a difference.

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