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Dear Ms. Barney,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm sending this letter on behalf of the Licensed Clinical Counselors of North Carolina. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Best wishes,
Ashley

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LCCNC

Licensed Clinical Counselors of North Carolina

November 3, 2026

Dear Rules Review Commission members and Counsel Meghan Barney:

On behalf of the Licensed Clinical Counselors of North Carolina (LCCNC), I'm writing in support of the North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors' position that it has the statutory authority to adopt rules to implement the counseling interstate compact. LCCNC actively lobbied in support of the legislative passage of the counseling compact in 2022, and counselors throughout North Carolina have been waiting for four years for the compact's implementation.

The licensing board governs counselors in North Carolina, and the board is given authority to "adopt, amend, or repeal rules to carry out the **purposes**" of the article. The licensure law gives the board broad authority to govern the counseling profession in North Carolina. The interstate compact prohibits the licensure board from doing anything in conflict with the interstate compact, but it does not limit the board's ability to adopt rules not in conflict with the compact.

We are also happy to meet to discuss LCCNC's support for the interstate compact and our advocacy efforts.

Respectfully,

Astra B. Czerny

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