

September 1, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2112 (Ramos) – Suicide Prevention – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom:

At its July 9-10, 2020 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) adopted a **SUPPORT** position on AB 2112 (Ramos). This bill would authorize the State Department of Public Health to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention within the department and would specify authorized responsibilities of the office if established, including, among other things, providing strategic guidance to statewide and regional partners regarding best practices on suicide prevention and reporting to the Legislature on progress to reduce rates of suicide.

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), through its 2019 report entitled "Striving for Zero: California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention 2020-2025," recommended the state create the Office of Suicide Prevention within DPH, expand the California Electronic Violent Death Reporting System by allocating local assistance funding to supplement federal funding, require standardized suicide prevention training to providers in all hospital settings and expand current requirement to screen for suicide risk in health, mental health, and substance use disorder care settings; and require all hospitals to develop and implement written uniform policies for discharge after a person has received suicide-related services.

For this reason, the Board asks for your "**Signature**" of AB 2112 (Ramos). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Central Services Manager, Jason Glasspiegel, at (916) 574-7137.

Sincerely,



Seyron Foo
President, Board of Psychology

cc: Assembly Member James C. Ramos
Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor