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The Wisconsin Psychological Association (WPA) urges you to confirm Dan Hereth as the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). We have had a close working relationship with him since before his appointment to this position. He has been instrumental in overseeing the implementation of the *LicensE* software that has eliminated the backlog of license applications for psychologists.

You all are aware of the problems that arose before and during the implementation of this new system. WPA fielded many complaints during that period. Mr. Hereth invited our Advocacy Cabinet members to bring all problem cases to his attention. To the best of our knowledge, all these cases were resolved successfully.

Since the *LicensE* program became effective and initial problems were resolved, WPA has received no complaints about the wait time for processing applications. A recent check with the Website https://license.wi.gov/s/performance-data shows the time elapsed between completion of the application and its review is about 2 working days.

The WPA strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Dan Hereth as Secretary of DSPS. We urge you to vote to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

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