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To: Senator Kathy Harrington

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Dear Senator Harrington,

I am a Pastoral Counselor – in today's terms a Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapist – certified by the State of North Carolina, practicing mostly in Nash/Edgecombe and Wake Counties. Most of my clients come to me because I am trained in counseling and biblical spirituality and ministry. They feel that their issues are intertwined with their religious/spiritual dimension. Their problems are beyond the time and training of their local minister or other spiritual provider.

Pastoral Counselors need a certification/license for this work for two main reasons. (1) Insurance companies require a certification or license in order to pay for services rendered. (2) It is necessary for the protection of the population of North Carolina.

I lived, traveled and/or worked in 80 countries on every continent for approximately 35 years. Eight of those years (1975-83) were in the Soviet Union, the other Iron Curtain countries, and China. I saw government overreach. Certifying pastoral counselors in North Carolina is nothing close to such overreach.

Please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration,

William H. Searcy, D.Min., NCBFBPPC

NC Certified Fee-Based Practicing Pastoral Counselor (NCCFBPPC) #094

NC Association of Pastoral Counselors (NCAPC) - Executive Member

Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) Psychotherapist

Fellow & Certified Pastoral Counselor - American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)

Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor #1198-Board of Christian Professional & Pastoral Counselors/International Board of Christian Care

Accredited Provider - Triple P Positive Parenting Program - Level 4

Certified Trauma Professional #890916

Member - American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC)

Member - Society for Christian Psychology

Listed on the Psychology Today website

Listed in the Christian Care Network

Listed in the Christian Counselor Directory

Listed in the International Therapist Directory

Listed formerly in the National Registry of Marriage Friendly Therapists

Former Accredited Supervisor in Kenya Counseling Association (KCA)