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Joseph Pirro - President  
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Re: Licensure of Florida Polygraph Examiners

Dear Mr. Pirro,

The Board of Directors of the Florida Chapter of the Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse (ATSA) has been contacted about a possible endorsement or letter in support of licensure of Florida polygraph examiners. Providers of evaluations, risk assessments, management, and treatment of persons who have committed sexual offenses have collaborated with the professional polygraph community in Florida for decades in an effort to provide the best quality of services possible. In support of our collaborative efforts, it is most relevant to highlight the ATSA standards and guidelines that apply to polygraph examination as part of sex-offending treatment and evaluation.

According to the ATSA 2014 Adult Practice Guidelines:

7.03 Members take reasonable steps to obtain assurances that examiners utilizing phallometric, viewing time, and polygraph methods are appropriately trained in the use of such methods, use accepted methods, and adhere to applicable professional/discipline-specific standards or guidelines.

Appendix B: Phallometry, Viewing Time, and Polygraphy - The American Polygraph Association, The National Association of Polygraph Examiners, and other polygraph associations have developed standards for certifying polygraph examiners who work in the management and treatment of sexual abusers, as well as standards for administering sexual abuser tests. Some states also regulate post-conviction sex offender testing standards and procedures. Members are familiar with laws, state regulations, and association guidelines governing post-conviction sex offender testing where they practice. Members work with examiners who meet certificate requirements and adhere to procedures recommended by a relevant polygraphists' organization.

In regard to the Florida Polygraph Association's efforts to obtain licensure for polygraph examiners, the Board of Directors of the Florida chapter of ATSA supports efforts to ensure that examiners are "appropriately trained" and "adhere to applicable professional/discipline-specific standards or guidelines."

Respectfully Submitted,

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