

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY
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Re: Testimony to Senate Hearing SB288 (LC2004)

Chairman Weinberg and members of the committee, my name is Dr. Tim Corson and I am a licensed psychologist working for Montana Academy, a therapeutic boarding school for adolescents in Marion, Montana. I, and by association Montana Academy, would like to state our strong support for SB288 (LC2004). Montana Academy and other NATSAP (National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs) programs are united in our complete support for regulation and licensing of therapeutic programs in Montana. We are committed to maintaining the highest level of care and ethics in our program and would value a regulatory process that reinforced our current high standards of practice. We fully adhere to and stand behind the documented NATSAP principles of good practice and ethical standards. Therapeutic programs, such as Montana Academy, providing invaluable services to youth and families in need are ardently requesting appropriate licensure of our quality programs this year. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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