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Jason R. Malousek, PsyD, President
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Dear Dr. Malousek and KPA Colleagues:

We are writing on behalf of the APA Practice Directorate and Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) to acknowledge your recent loss of long-time KPA member, Dr. Theresa Coddington. We know she was very active in the leadership of Kansas Psychological Association and that she currently serves on APA's Council of Representatives for Kansas and was the co-chair of the Committee of State Leaders (CSL).

News of Theresa's sudden death saddened all her APA staff colleagues who held her in such high esteem. Her thoughtful and quiet leadership on issues impacting psychology practice was highly valued. We also saw her as a stalwart champion for state, provincial and territorial psychological associations (SPTAs). Theresa knew better than most that the hard work of protecting and advancing practice invariably fell to the SPTAs.

As co-chair of the APA Committee of State Leaders in 2018-19 she was a strong source of support for enhancing the role of SPTAs in promoting APA policies to strengthen the practice of psychology. She was an admired leader who committee members held in high regard. We know we speak for all past and present members of CSL that her leadership on SPTA and practice issues will be sadly missed.

On a state level, Theresa was someone upon whom we relied for involvement in state advocacy and leadership issues. She always put the greater good in front of her own interests. That is how we were able to do so much to promote state practice legal and regulatory issues. Addressing APA's focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts, Theresa was first in line to advocate for mandated EDI training as part of required continuing education in Kansas.

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At the time of her death, Theresa was the Division 31 liaison to the work group tasked by the Board of Professional Affairs with recommending an appropriate title and scope of practice for those who earn master's degrees in health service psychology. Theresa was as active and engaged in the work of this group as any member and her practical, reasonable insights will be missed. We know the members and liaisons of the work group will also miss seeing her dog (one of the pleasures of video meetings!) and the personal element that she brought to the meetings.

Let us close by saying again how much Theresa was admired and how much she will be missed.

With warm regards,

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