



June 26, 2019

Dan Logsdon  
Director  
National Center for Interstate Compacts  
Council of State Governments  
1776 Avenue of the States  
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to express our support for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 204,000 individuals who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.

ASHA members have often had difficulties in obtaining multiple state licenses to practice due to administrative burdens. These burdens have hindered their ability to provide quality services and restricted consumer access in underserved and rural communities. ASHA is pleased that the ASLP-IC will address these issues by:

- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and/or students; and
- facilitating continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another state, specifically with members of the military and their spouses.

ASHA is proud to help underwrite this important project on behalf of our members and applauds you for your steadfast leadership. We look forward to working with you through the implementation and operation phases of the ASLP-IC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Shari B. Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

Shari B. Robertson, PhD, CCC-SLP  
2019 ASHA President