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

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, please accept this letter as a statement of our support of the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). As an organization committed to the professional development of academic educators, administrators and practitioners within our member programs, we recognize the importance and value of the proposed legislation that would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines. We also recognize the significance of this legislation and the benefits it will provide for consumers, states, and practitioners by:

- improving consumer protections across state lines;
- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and students;
- promoting cooperation between ASLP-IC member states;
- facilitating greater investigatory resources for state regulatory boards;
- providing support for relocating military spouses; and
- permitting practitioners to provide service to underserved or geographically isolated populations through telepractice

We stand with our other professional organizations, including the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology, Academy of Doctors of Audiology, and the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in support of the proposed ASLP-IC legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ann Clock Eddins'.

Ann Clock Eddins, Ph.D., M.B.A., CCC-A
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