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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 DC Speech-Language-Hearing Association (DCSHA), I write to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). DCSHA is the professional association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists representing over 700 professionals in the District.

D.C. is surrounded by Virginia and Maryland so we have practitioners who live and work across state lines. The Interstate Compact is imperative for a location like ourselves to help professionals provide services to those in need in the community who may be close in location but may be in another state. It's also important as telepractice is becoming more common in our professions. We need to eliminate all barriers in place based on location.

Interstate occupational licensure compacts are game changers for professions that want to reduce barriers for practitioners. Like compacts that already exist for nurses, physical therapy, physicians, psychologist and EMTs, ASLP-IC, will enhance licensure portability while simultaneously improving the ability of state boards to protect consumers.

We understand the ASLP-IC will benefit consumers, members and the professions by:

- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and/or students;
- facilitating continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another state; and
- allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their profession when relocating.

DCSHA is excited to support this opportunity for our members. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC in DC

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kari Comer, M.S., CCC-SLP".

Kari Comer, M.S., CCC-SLP
2019 DCSHA President