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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 Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). The Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association is the state-level association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists representing over 280 professionals in our state.

Interstate occupational licensure compacts are critical factors for professions that want to reduce barriers for practitioners. Like compacts that already exist for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists, and EMTs, ASLP-IC will enhance licensure portability while simultaneously improving the ability of state boards to protect consumers. We have seen firsthand the positive experience that our colleagues in Physical Therapy have experienced with the recent passage of their interstate licensure compact.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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