

## Kentucky Speech Language Hearing Association

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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 Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I am writing to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). The Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association, is the state-level professional association for speech-language pathologists and audiologists that represents over 1,700 professionals across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

We value the ASLP-IC as it represents an opportunity to reduce barriers for practitioners. Like compacts that already exist for nurses, physical therapy, physicians, psychologist and EMTs, the 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.

We believe that the structure and tenets of the ASLP-IC have been well thought out and will ensure enhanced access to the qualified audiology and speech language pathology workforce in our country. The Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association is excited to support this opportunity for our members. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC in Kentucky.

Sincerely,



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