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Mr. Dan Logsdon
Director National Center for Interstate Compacts
Council of State Governments
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Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), I am writing in support of the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC), which will improve access to highly qualified practitioners and reduce the burden on professionals. Our support is based on affirmation from CEC's Division for Communication, Language, and Deaf/Hard of Hearing which estimates that enactment of ASLP-IC could positively impact a significant number of their members who currently provide services across state lines or through tele-practice to hard-to-reach patients.

CEC is a professional association comprised of educators dedicated to advancing the success of students with exceptionalities which accomplishes its mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development. CEC advocates for evidence-based best practices in special education and supports for educators at all levels, including administrators, from early intervention through higher education. CEC's Professional Preparation Standards provide the gold standard for the field of special education - they define the specialized expertise that special educators must master to be effective. CEC's standards also inform college preparation programs, accreditation organizations, and credentialing agencies.

CEC's core purpose is to improve outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities. Access to a highly qualified workforce is pivotal to that purpose. Whether through interstate travel, relocation, or telehealth, qualified clinicians such as speech-language pathologists and audiologists should be granted flexibility to practice, and patients should be granted access to these professionals across state lines. Finally, as communicated above, CEC believes the enactment of ASLP-IC could positively impact a significant number of providers and ensure access to services for patients who may be hard-to-reach. CEC is proud to support the ASLP-IC.

Thank you in advance for your attention to and support of this compact agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Lynn Boscardin", written in a cursive style.

Mary Lynn Boscardin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
President