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

On behalf of the Massachusetts Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA), I am writing to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). The Massachusetts Speech-Language Hearing Association is the state-level association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists representing over 5,000 professionals in our state.

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.

MSHA is excited to support this opportunity for our members. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC in Massachusetts. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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