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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 National Association for Hearing and Speech Action, I write to express our support for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).

The National Association for Hearing and Speech Action (NAHSA) is the consumer affiliate of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). NAHSA's mission is to increase public understanding of communication disorders. Drawing on the expertise of ASHA member audiologists and speech-language pathologists, NAHSA supported-initiatives provide the public with critical information for addressing and whenever possible preventing communication problems.

As a consumer organization, we support unrestricted consumer access to the services of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in underserved and rural communities. NAHSA is pleased that the ASLP-IC will address these issues by:

- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and/or students; and
- facilitating continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another state, specifically with members of the military and their spouses.

Thank you for your role in supporting this important effort.

Sincerely,

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President