

# Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association (OSHA)

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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:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association. We have discussed the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) at our board meeting in October, and again with our members at our annual conference in October. I am writing you today to express our full support for the ASLP-IC. The Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association is the state-level association for audiologists and speech-language pathologist representing over 2400 professional in our state.

Interstate occupational licensure compacts are game changers for professionals 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 the consumers.

We understand the ASLP-IC will benefit consumers, members, and the profession 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.

The Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association is excited to support this opportunity for our members. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

*Janet Wagner*

2019-2020 Oregon President