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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 South Dakota Speech Language Hearing Association, I am writing this letter to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). The South Dakota Speech Language Hearing Association, is the state-level association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists representing over 125 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;
- establishing consistencies in the regulatory requirements around the provision of services;
- 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 South Dakota Speech Language Hearing Association is excited to support this opportunity for our members. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Londa DeRouchey MA CCC-SLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Londa DeRouchey, MA, CCC-SLP
2019 SDSLHA President