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**Dan Logsdon, Director
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Dear Mr. Logsdon,

I am writing to offer my support for the creation of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) legislation that would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines.

This legislation is of critical importance to the graduates of our masters' degree program at Longwood University. Many of our students are highly mobile, have spouses in the military, or desire to work in telepractice, all of which are complicated by the current process of state-by-state licensure. Not only would this legislation be of great benefit to our students, but it provides benefits to consumers and states by improving consumer protections across state lines, increasing access to care for patients, clients, and students, and facilitates greater investigatory resources for state regulatory boards.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information on the benefits to consumers and practitioners.

Sincerely,



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