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Dear Mr. Logsdon,

On behalf of the Stuttering Foundation, I am writing to support the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; legislation that would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines.

The combination of increased mobility of practitioners and clients, changes to the health care system, and the rise of telehealth highlights the need for clinicians to have the ability to practice across state boundaries with minimal barriers. A growing number of other licensed professions have developed interstate occupational licensure compacts to enhance licensure portability from one state to another.

In pursuit of this goal for audiologists and SLPs, national membership organizations and state regulators have collaborated to create the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). The ASLP-IC provides benefits for consumers, states, and practitioners by:

- improving consumer protections across state lines;
- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and students;
- promoting cooperation between ASLP-IC member states;
- facilitating greater investigatory resources for state regulatory boards;
- providing support for relocating military spouses; and
- permitting practitioners to provide service to underserved or geographically isolated populations through telepractice.

Beginning in January 2020, the ASLP-IC will be presented to states for enactment. We wholeheartedly support this project.

Sincerely,



Jane Fraser  
President