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Dear Mr. Logsdon:


On behalf of the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program at Ohio University, I write to express our program's strong support for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). Like all other graduate programs, our graduates begin their professional careers working in one state and then for one reason or another relocate to other states and continue to practice.

As I'm sure you know, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for the over 200,000 individuals who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Practicing ASHA members have often had difficulties obtaining multiple state licenses to practice due to a variety of administrative barriers. These barriers have both hindered these committed practitioners from providing quality patient services and restricted consumer access in underserved and rural communities. Southeast Ohio, as you may know, is one such rural and underserved regions of the state. We are very much pleased to know 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.

We know ASHA is proud to help underwrite this important project on behalf of our members and thanks you for your steadfast leadership.

Respectfully,


James W. Montgomery, PhD, Professor
Director, Communication Sciences and Disorders
