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Dan Logsdon, Director
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Dear Mr. Logsdon,

I am writing on behalf of the Portland State University Speech and Hearing Sciences Department to express my support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). Our department concurs with our state association, our professional associations, and our peer programs around the country in that we strongly support the development of the ASLP-IC.

Our department trains students for careers as speech-language pathologists and audiologists with an emphasis on equity and access to care for clients/patients. Interstate occupational licensure compacts are game changers for professionals seeking to reduce barriers of access to care for clients/patients. Like compacts that already exist for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists, and EMTs, the ASLP-IC will enhance licensure portability while simultaneously improving the ability of state boards to protect clients/patients and their families.

We understand the ASLP-IC will significantly benefit clients/patients, speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and the broader 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 faculty in Speech and Hearing Sciences at Portland State University are thankful for the hard work of the ASLP-IC committees and fully support their mission and efforts in shaping the future of licensure for audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

Sincerely,

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