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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 Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, I write to express our support for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).

As you know, this effort is supported by The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 204,000 individuals who are audiologists; speech- language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech- language pathology support personnel; and students.

There are currently several barriers to obtaining a license in multiple states. These barriers include cost, time to get the license, and paperwork to complete multiple applications. These burdens have hindered our ability to provide quality services and restricted consumer access in underserved and rural communities. People who need our services often have low access to those services. 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.

Our department is proud to support this initiative and we applaud you for your leadership. We look forward to working with you through the implementation and operation phases of the ASLP-IC.

Sincerely,

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