



COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS
ARNOLD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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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 the University of South Carolina, I wish to express our support for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). Our department is a graduate program only, with over 140 students. At least half of those students graduate every year and must look for jobs. They have often had difficulties in obtaining multiple state licenses to practice due to administrative burdens. These burdens have hindered their ability to provide quality services and restricted consumer access in underserved and rural communities. As a department, we are quite pleased that the ASLP-IC will address these issues 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, specifically with members of the military and their spouses; and
- permitting audiologists and speech-language pathologists to provide services to underserved or geographically isolated populations through telepractice and facilitate continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another compact state.

Our department is pleased to support this important project on behalf of students and applaud you for your steadfast leadership. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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