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Council of State Governments
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Dear Mr. Logsdon

Please accept this letter as a statement support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). As a Speech-Language Pathology Master of Science Program committed to supporting students and clinicians in the profession, we recognize the importance and value of the proposed legislation that would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines.

Similarly, as a program with an interprofessional focus, and a member of an interdisciplinary 'Rehabilitation Sciences Department' we emphasize how Speech-Language Pathologists work closely with other professions including medicine, nursing, physical therapy, psychology, and emergency medical services. These professions have already developed interstate occupational licensure compacts to enhance licensure portability from one state to another, and it would benefit all professionals, students and clients should the Speech-Language Pathologists on these teams have the same licensure portability.

We also recognize the significance of this legislation and the benefits it will provide 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.

We stand with our professional organizations, including the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in support of the proposed ASLP-IC legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Louise C. Keegan".

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