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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 New York University's (NYU) Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, I am writing this letter to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). Our Department's accredited and New York State-approved Master of Science clinical training program accepts and trains students from around the country to be speech-language pathologists in both online and residential modalities.

In the residential modality, we have students living in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Additionally, in the online modality, our students live in nearly all states in the country, which often results in students facing the challenges of navigating differences in state licensure and clinical practice requirements. Finally, we have many students who are from military families, where these burdens are amplified by frequent and often unexpected relocations.

Interstate occupational licensure compacts are game changers for professions that want to reduce barriers for practitioners. Like compacts that already exist for nurses, physical therapy, physicians, psychologists, and EMTs, ASLP-IC will enhance licensure portability while simultaneously improving the ability of state boards to protect consumers.

We understand the ASLP-IC will benefit consumers, members, and the profession by:

- Increasing access to care for patients, clients, and/or students;
- Establishing consistencies in the regulatory requirements around the provision of services;
- 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 NYU Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders is excited to support this opportunity for our students, alumni and colleagues. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC at NYU.

Sincerely,



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