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Dear Mr. Logsdon,

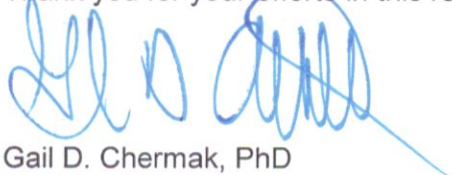
I am writing to express my support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). This legislation will allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines.

As you know, a growing number of licensed professions—including medicine, nursing, physical therapy, psychology, and emergency medical services—have developed interstate occupational licensure compacts to enhance licensure portability from one state to another. The combination of increased mobility of practitioners and clients, changes to the health care system, and the rise of telehealth highlights the need for clinicians to have the ability to practice across state boundaries with minimal barriers.

The ASLP-IC provides benefits 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 share your goals of expanding access to care and relieving burdens on practitioners while maintaining robust state public protection provisions.

Thank you for your efforts in this regard.



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