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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 Appalachian State University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, I write to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) that would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines.

This legislation is of critical importance to the graduates of our masters' degree program. Many of our students are highly mobile, live near state borders, or need to use telepractice in order to provide services to underserved or geographically isolated populations, all of which are complicated by the current state-by-state licensure process. Not only would this legislation benefit our students, but it also provides benefits to consumers and states by improving consumer protections across state lines, increasing access to care for clients and facilitating greater investigatory resources for state regulatory boards.

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.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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