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I am writing on behalf of L'GASP, the LGBTQ ASHA caucus, in support of the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact. Our goals in L'GASP are to help LGBTQ audiologists and speech language pathologists as well as LGBTQ clients and family members. Access to appropriate, knowledgeable, and culturally competent care is challenging for many LGBTQ people seeking audiology and speech language pathology services. Through telepractice across state lines, an individual seeking services would not be confined to the providers in their home state. By creating an interstate compact, we could improve the LGBTQ community's access to experts in trans masculine and trans feminine voice therapy as well as non-judgmental service providers. Other benefits of this compact include improving consumer protections across state lines, promoting cooperation between ASLP-IC member states, and facilitating greater investigatory resources for state regulatory boards.

We urge you to enact the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact so that our clients can have the specialized and culturally competent care they deserve.

On behalf of the L'GASP caucus, thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

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