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Topic: **Letter of support for Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)**

Dear Mr. Logsdon,

On behalf of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Oklahoma State University (OSU), I write to express our unanimous support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). Oklahoma State University is a public land-grant research university located in Stillwater (Oklahoma) with a student population of 25,295 as of 2019. The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is one of the 24 departments under the College of Arts and Sciences at OSU with more than 200 students enrolled in our undergraduate and graduate programs.

Interstate occupational licensure agreements can be immensely beneficial for our field of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology as it would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists to work across the state lines. If the proposed legislation is approved, it would benefit several individuals with communication disorders in under-served areas who would otherwise not be able avail these services. This legislation will be a major step as we strive to fulfill the main mission of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, i.e., making effective communication a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

We understand the ASLP-IC will benefit the entire society by:

- increasing accessible care for clients of different ages and backgrounds
- serving rural and otherwise underserved areas of populations
- facilitating continuity of care when clients themselves may not be able to relocate or travel to another state or region for services

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at OSU is excited to support this opportunity for all our members. We look forward to supporting the ASLP-IC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabiha Parveen', on a light-colored background.

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