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As the Audiology Program Director/Chair of the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and Speech-Language Pathology Program Director, we are writing in support of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. The compact provides a mechanism to support practitioners who work in multiple states while ensuring that services are provided in accordance with the legal and ethical standards of the professions. Because we live and work in a rural area, we are well aware of the need for services in our local communities, which could be at least partially addressed by telehealth. The compact would facilitate increased use of telehealth, while still granting states the right to regulate that practice and take disciplinary measures when needed. In addition, a number of our alumni are military spouses, and the compact will make it easier for them to maintain their credentials to practice when relocating.

Like the compacts that already exist for nurses, physicians, psychologists, and physical therapists, the ASLP-IC will reduce barriers and increase access to care in underserved communities, while still protecting consumers. We hope to see the compact implemented in the near future!

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