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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:

The Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Loss (AMPHL) represents deaf and hard of hearing people in the healthcare professions, a wide range of professions that counts audiologists among our members. As people with hearing loss, and as professionals who advocate for and serve deaf and hard of hearing people, we understand well the personal and professional challenges in obtaining excellent hearing care.

These challenges are especially present for those in rural areas where people with hearing loss are at great risk for severe health disparities, and are often near to bordering states. For those who need hearing aid or cochlear implant adjustments and aural/speech rehabilitation, and struggle to access the care of appropriately trained audiologists and speech-language pathologists, the barriers of distance and cost can be daunting and prohibitive.

The legislation proposed by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC), would be a strong step toward resolving those barriers and increasing care to underserved populations, by allowing those healthcare professionals to work across state lines while maintaining safe clinical practice.

We on the AMPHL board are pleased to advocate for this important move forward in serving people with hearing loss.

Sincerely,

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