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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 Communication Disorders Program at North Carolina Central University, I am writing to express our support for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC), which would allow speech-language pathologists and audiologists to practice across state lines.

We are dedicated to training speech-language pathologists who are prepared to provide services not only in North Carolina but also across the United States and the world. Our graduates understand and wish to address disparities clients may face in accessing high-quality services, including those clients who reside in rural areas. However, they often face administrative and financial burdens to obtain multiple licenses in different states. Each state has different licensure requirements creating challenges for SLPs to provide services. Additionally, North Carolina is home to several military installations and the ASLP-IC will facilitate continuity of care for patients, clients, or students when they relocate or travel to another state.

With this in mind, we are pleased to support the mission of ASLP-IC. We appreciate your leadership and do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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