Date

On behalf of the [Insert Association Name Here], I am writing in support of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)—an occupational licensure compact that will enable states to meet increasing demands for audiology and speech-language pathology services while maintaining appropriate oversight necessary for consumer protection.

Insert brief paragraph here w/Association background and mission

The ASLP-IC will allow state licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists to apply for a privilege to practice in other participating states and enable them to provide services across state lines--either face-to-face or through telepractice. This flexibility is needed in today’s healthcare marketplace to help promote continuity of care for patients who travel or relocate, as well as to facilitate job mobility for providers. Each state that participates in the compact will continue to regulate the actual practice of audiology and speech-language-pathology and maintain their individual scopes of practice; states will not cede any regulatory autonomy. States that participate in the compact will also be able to share provider disciplinary actions, providing an additional layer of consumer protection.

Occupational licensure compacts, like the ASLP-IC, are supported by the Federal Trade Commission. In the 2018 policy perspective *Options to Enhance Occupational License Portability*, staff of the FTC found that consumers can benefit from access to services achieved through a process that allows qualified providers to obtain licensing quickly upon relocation or across multiple states.[[1]](#footnote-1) A licensure compact offers significant cost- and time-savings over the traditional state-by-state occupational licensing.

As the demand for audiology and speech-language pathology services continues to grow, innovative approaches to address gaps in care are needed to meet the needs of patients. The ASLP-IC offers such an approach, and the , [Association Name] supports its adoption.

1. <https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/options-enhance-occupational-license-portability/license_portability_policy_paper.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)