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Representative Rob Nosse  
Chair, House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Nosse,

On behalf of the Defense-State Liaison Office, operating under the direction of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, thank you for considering the policy within HB 4071-2 and -3. These amendments address the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact and the Social Work Compact

We support this policy on behalf of the 2,622 active-duty service members and 1,248 active-duty military spouses who make Oregon home. The Counseling and Social Work compact include provisions to support military spouse licensure. 34% of military spouses require an occupational license to work in their chosen profession.

Many military spouses are often sidelined by the financial or administrative burdens of applying for a new license every time they move across state lines. Similarly, licensed service members separating or retiring from service can be impacted by licensure delays. Occupational licensure compacts eliminate these barriers. Additionally, compacts improve patient access to services while maintaining state sovereignty and enhancing public protection.

The Department of Defense is grateful for the tremendous support that Oregon has historically made to support military members and their families. Please contact me at [Tammie.L.Perreault.Civ@mail.mil](mailto:Tammie.L.Perreault.Civ@mail.mil) or (571) 424-8264 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammie L. Perreault", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tammie L. Perreault  
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