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I am writing in support of passing this bill because it would allow more speech-language pathologists (SLP) to practice in counties near other states. I live in Multnomah County, but I work in Clark County, Washington which only has 4 SLPs locally that treat neurological communication and swallowing disorders in a neuro rehab setting. We have a HUGE waitlist of more than 100 patients who are waiting to get care, but we do not have enough SLPs who can treat them. If this bill passes, it would allow SLPs from neighboring states to easily practice in areas like mine with low access to specialized health care. This will better serve the patients in our community.