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I am writing in support of passing this bill because it would allow more speech language pathologists (SLPs) to practice in states and counties with great need. If this bill passes, it would allow SLPs from neighboring states to easily practice in rural areas and better serve the patients there. Just a short commute out of Portland to Washington and there are many areas lacking SLP support. An interstate compact could greatly increase the numbers of available SLPs. Dealing with separate licenses in each state is cumbersome - enough that many SLPs will not pursue it. An interstate compact will overcome this barrier. Thank you, Sharon Scheurer, MS, CCC-SLP