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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2357

Dear Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2357, which would allow SLPs to participate in the Interstate Compact for speech-language pathology. As a speech-language pathologist and clinical educator that supports new clinicians in our community, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that access to speech-language services can affect a patient's (children through adults) ability to communicate successfully. Communication is a human right for all of us, and allows us both the simple act of connecting with each other, to complex social interactions and feelings of fulfillment. The interstate compact would allow for more SLPs to be licensed to practice in Oregon, thereby increasing access to speech-language pathology services. This is particularly PARTICULARLY important in rural areas of our state, where services are much more sparse.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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