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I am writing in support of passing HB 2357 because it would allow more speech language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state boundaries. This impacts those living across the border between Portland and SW Washington, and also impacts how we can implement telepractice and student training across state lines. Giving clients easier access to excellent clinical care should be a priority. There are clients with brain injury across state lines who could benefit from telepractice services that my students and I can provide if this licensure compact were to pass, facilitating access to telepractice.