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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of this bill because it would allow individuals to have greater access to licensed, Speech Language Pathologists with experience and knowledge in serving our under served populations, such as adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and adults requiring Augmentative-Alternative Communication (AAC). Currently there are few SLPs in Oregon and Washington that specialize in these areas; however, if this bill passes, it would allow SLPs from neighboring states to potentially expand their practice to serve individuals unique needs across state lines, which could have a significant impact on individuals with Communication disorders without any potential negative impact on the state or our profession. Thank you or your consideration!