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I am writing in support of passing this bill because it would be good for individuals in our state who need access to services. I have worked as a Speech Language Pathologist for over 18 years. Every school district I have ever worked in has been understaffed and looking for more SLPs. In addition to schools, the wait lists for individuals to receive services privately are lengthy. Rural communities have even more limited access to in person speech services and in some cases the only options individuals have for receiving the help they need is through tele-health / online services. This bill would increase access for these clients while helping to reduce the duration of wait lists.