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Hello, I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Oregon and I support a compact with other states to increase mental healthcare accessibility. As it stands currently we must discharge/ refer out our clients when they move or visit another state for work. In cases where a temporary license is allowed the board of the new state will only approve it for 30 days. There are a variety of reasons people may need to continue care with their current provider after crossing state lines. Switching providers part way through treatment is disruptive and an added burden on our clients who often have many stressors that compound the loss of a therapist and complicate their ability to engage with a therapist in the new state.