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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an LCSW, specializing in geriatric mental health. I have a private practice, and see clients throughout Oregon, often via telehealth. There are very few of us who specialize in geriatric mental health; my practice is often full. It would be a benefit to my practice, and others, to be able to see more geriatric clients who are in rural areas and Southwest Washington.

I have a current client who drives from Washington State, and if the traffic is bad, parks in a Home Depot parking lot to be able to see me. In addition, during the summer months I travel to Minnesota and see my Oregon clients on a temporary Minnesota license that I have to renew annually. It would be a benefit to both me, and my clients, to streamline the process and be able to see them on an interstate license.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. It would be wonderful to have an interstate license!

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