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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Javadi, Vice Chair Nelson, and members of the committee,

I am writing to you as a licensed bilingual speech language pathologist and an Oregonian to ask you to support HB 2357. This vital legislation will allow Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists to better serve all Oregon populations. This includes rural areas, areas close to state borders, and helps to ensure that every Oregonian has timely access to quality SLP and Audiology services.

The Audiology Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) offers several benefits including it improves continuity of care. As a bilingual service provider, services are hard to come by in patient areas. Services like these are strongly in need of participation in the interstate compacts so bilingual service providers can provide care to patients passing this bill would allow for both in person and tele-practice SLPs to more easily fill bilingual positions.

The ASLP-IC requires that an audiologist and speech-language pathologist be licensed in their home state but allowed to practice in a remote state through a privilege to practice. This allows the home state to continue to regulate while allowing the remote state to know who is practicing in their state and in what capacity without requiring audiologists and speech-language pathologists to obtain and maintain a license in every ASLP-IC state.

HB 2357 offers a clear and organized path to improved patient care across state lines. These impacts will especially impact rural and otherwise underserved patients in our communities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of this bill,

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