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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
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Chair Nosse

900 Court St. NE, S-411 Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2357 Relating to OT, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology Compact Bill

Position: Support

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

I am writing to you as a current second year graduate student, future licensed 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, including rural areas, areas close to state borders, and helps to ensure that every Oregonian has timely access to quality SLP and Audiology services.

In my county there is a limited number of Speech Language Pathologists, this would allow for my students and patients to more easily access specialized SLP services such as voice or dyslexia specialties.

The COVID-19 pandemic paved the way for clinicians to access even the most rural areas in Oregon. By enacting legislation to join the compact, HB 2357 will allow for the use of telehealth technology to facilitate increased access to audiology and speech-language pathology services in nearly any situation.

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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