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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2357

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 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.

The Audiology Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) offers several benefits.

First, it increases choice of audiology and speech-language pathology providers

In my county there is a very limited number of Speech Language Pathologists, this would allow

for my patients to more easily access specialized SLP services such as voice or dyslexia specialties.

Next, Practice of audiology and speech-language pathology occurs in the state where the

patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter

Currently 34 states and one U.S. territory have approved legislation and entered the interstate

compact for SLPs. I could apply for privileges through the interstate compact that would enable

me to provide continuity of care to my Oregon patients/clients if I needed to relocate or spend

time in a different state or when they take a vacation out of 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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