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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 licensed (speech language pathologist/audiologist) 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. We hear frequently of a shortage of qualified SLP services in our rural areas.

Additionally, we have some very talented and specialized care providers in this state. We can share our expertise with clients who live in near by neighboring communities.

Oregon has three training programs for Speech Language Pathologists. Many of our students come from all over the country. Many fall in love with Oregon and would like to stay. Finding a new job and getting licensed can be a costly experience. The more we can support our newly graduated professionals in getting licensed, the sooner they can start providing care to more clients.

Some providers are also caregivers like me. I occasionally need to travel to care for family in another state. Potentially with teletherapy and an improved interstate license, I could still provide care for clients if visiting another participating state. Or I could continue to serve clients via teletherapy if they needed to travel for other medical care or family needs.

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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