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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2357

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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:

Improves continuity of care

Many patients reside in low-resource

regions that are not equipped with the services that we are fortunate to provide. With our broad

geographical catchment area, we are strongly in need of participation in the interstate compact

so that our audiology and speech pathology colleagues can provide longitudinal care to

patients, as needed. Virtual visits provide the ability to manage these patients across state lines

and mitigates the need for expensive travel, housing, and time off work or school for both our

patients and their caregivers. This interstate compact has the great potential to

improve access to audiology and speech-language pathology providers, choice of

audiology and speech-language pathology providers and specialists within the field,

facilitates alternate delivery methods such as telehealth and simplifies the current

process to obtain licensure across states to optimize the ability to serve more clients

and patients more quickly and efficiently.

Thank you for your time.

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