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On Behalf Of: HB 2357
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 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 many benefits including increased access to care for underserved individuals. As a practitioner who provides gender affirming voice and communication services, individuals within the state of Oregon and in other states within the compact struggle to find competently trained speech pathologists who are able to deliver culturally responsive, critical care in this domain. The ASLP-IC will allow trained and skilled providers to utilize teletherapy to access those who may otherwise find themselves without access to services due to lack of providers, state regulations or geographical location.

I encourage you to support this bill and join the 34 other states who recognize the need for this compact to provide services throughout our state, region and country.

Thank you,

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