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Dan Logsdon
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Council of State Governments
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Dear Dan:

The American Academy of Audiology commends you on the completion of the language for the multistate licensure compact in audiology and speech-language pathology. This document is the foundation for regulating multi-state audiology practice, important to the advancement of telehealth and to supporting the mobility of audiologists. The document explicitly defines the terms and structure of a mutual recognition model that will enhance the public's health and safety.

We thank you for the leadership that you and your colleagues of the National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC) provided to the development process. Since taking on this project in 2016, you have adopted an approach of inclusivity and strong communications with stakeholders such as the Academy. We greatly valued the clear instruction on the process and the periodic updates on the drafting stage. Furthermore, we appreciated the opportunity for review and comment. Your significant experience in the development of licensure compacts was invaluable to helping us accept the distinctions between idealism and feasibility for the success of the compact.

We recognize that completion of the licensure language is just the beginning and more work is needed for implementation. The Academy would like to be part of the implementation process and stands ready to assist. We understand that this may entail assisting with efforts for state-level adoption, as well as participating in the development of the infrastructure for the compact. We recognize that the infrastructure will necessitate a commitment of resources towards establishing and supporting a centralized data system and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission.

We look forward to working with the NCIC and others in the next steps towards the full realization of a multistate licensure compact for our profession.

Sincerely,



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