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HB 252 – Proponent Testimony by the Ohio Academy of Audiology  
Senate Health Committee

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Chairman Huffman, Vice-Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 252, which would create the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). My name is Gina M. Hounam and I am the current President of the Ohio Academy of Audiology .

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Our association supports HB 252 because the ASLP-IC will increase access to care for patients and facilitate continuity of care when patients relocate or travel to another compact member state. Further, the ASLP-IC will remove barriers for audiologists seeking to practice across state lines. This is a significant step in the right direction for audiologists who practice near border states and those who are married to or serve themselves in our armed forces.

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Since the inception of the ASLP-IC initiative we have interfaced with our membership and found that an overwhelming majority of audiologists support this legislation. They do so because they know it will improve access to hearing and balance healthcare and supports their own personal missions to provide the very best care to their Ohio patients.

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I thank this committee for considering my testimony and would be happy to be a resource for the Senate Health Committee as it considers this critically important legislation. Together we can ensure that access to high-quality balance and hearing health care is a reality for all Ohioans.

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