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Sen. Stephen A. Huffman, Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Written Testimony in Support of the ASLP Compact: HB252

Dear Sen. Huffman and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

On behalf of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB), I am submitting this written testimony in support of HB 252, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). I am requesting that my written testimony be entered into the official record during the Senate Health Committee's first hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., in the North Hearing Room.

NCSB is a non-profit organization consisting of licensure boards throughout the United States that license and regulate the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. We have twenty-three states, including Ohio that are members of NCSB. NCSB is the only organization that is devoted to supporting the work of licensing boards in our two professions. You may find more information about our organization by visiting our website at the address listed above.

I am submitting testimony in support of the proposed ASLP-IC. Since 2016 NCSB has worked closely with the Council of State Governments and their Interstate Compact Advisory Workgroup to develop a proposed interstate compact for speech-language pathology and audiology. The ASLP-IC is an occupational licensure compact that addresses the increased demand for practitioners to provide and for consumers to receive speech-language pathology and audiology services. It authorizes both telehealth and in-person practice across state lines without having to become licensed in additional ASLP-IC states. The compact permits audiologists and speech-language pathologists to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated. The compact also allows military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their professional license when relocating.

Additionally, the ASLP-IC improves consumer protection across state lines. The compact increases access to care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another compact member state. The compact also promotes cooperation between ASLP-IC member states on interstate licensure and regulation requirements. The compact ensures that audiologists and speech-language pathologists from other ASLP-IC member states who practice in the state of Ohio under the privilege granted by the compact have met acceptable standards of practice. In



summary, the ASLP-IC reduces regulatory barriers that negatively impact both consumers and practitioners. The compact does not change the scope of practice for audiology or speech-language pathology in the state of Ohio. The ASLP-IC ensures the ethical and legal provision of services and reduces regulatory barriers while still protecting the public.

On behalf of NCSB, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the proposed ASLP-IC legislation into the official record. If you have any questions, please feel free contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keri Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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