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Chairperson Senator Cheryl C. Kagan,

I am writing in support of The Interstate Compact Bill, HB 1112/SB 416. As you know, health-care costs continue to rise particularly for those with limited direct access to health-care providers. One avenue to provide access is via telehealth which, in recent years, has been shown to be a cost-effective way for those with limited access to receive quality health care.

As you know, HB1112/SB 416 improves continuity of care, improves portability for military spouses, improves access to licensed audiology and speech-language pathology providers, increases choice of licensed audiology and speech-language pathology providers, facilitates alternate delivery methods (Telehealth), addresses portability & barriers to access, and assures that the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology occurs in the state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter.

I urge you to support HB1112/SB 416 and to keep these important and cost-saving benefits to quality patient care and access in mind as HB1112/SB 416 continues to move forward in the Senate and later when it comes to the General Assembly for final approval.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vic S. Gladstone". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vic S. Gladstone, PhD CCC-A

Cc: Senator Guy Guzzone
Delegate Jen Terrasa
Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass
Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary