

January 22, 2021

Shane Pendergrass
Chair
Health & Government Operations Committee
Room 241
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

As a resident of the state of Maryland and a Speech-Language Pathologist for over 25 years, I am writing this letter in support of the Interstate Compact HB288.

In a time when we are doing everything we can to support our youngest learners and our school-age learners it is imperative that we are able to access our students and provide high quality services and interventions even if those students are temporarily out of our jurisdiction.

It is extremely difficult for a Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist to obtain multiple state licenses in order to practice without undue administrative and potential monetary burdens.

I ask that you support HB288 which will allow Maryland Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist to continue to serve their young learners and students by providing continuity of care when families have to relocate or travel to another state.

Thank you so much for your time,

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