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The Honorable Ron Latz  
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee  
Minnesota Legislature  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 2656

Dear Senator Latz:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to express support for SF 2656, which would adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 234,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; and students. Over 3,800 ASHA members reside in Minnesota.<sup>1</sup>

ASHA members often have difficulty obtaining multiple state licenses due to administrative burdens. These burdens hinder their ability to provide quality services and restrict consumer access in underserved and rural communities. I am pleased to support SF 2656, which will address these issues by:

- Enhancing consumer protection, while maintaining state sovereignty.
- Increasing access to care.
- Improving continuity of care when clients, patients, and/or students travel.
- Supporting spouses of relocating active-duty military personnel.

Approval of this legislation would enable Minnesota to become a part of the ASLP-IC, joining 30 other member states. ASHA is pleased to be joined by U.S. Department of Defense, the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association and over 30 national organizations, in supporting this legislation.<sup>2</sup> I hope this important legislation will be adopted in 2024, so Minnesota practitioners and residents with communication disorders can enjoy the benefits of the ASLP-IC.

If you or your staff have any questions, need assistance or want to discuss further, please contact Susan Adams, ASHA's director of state legislative and regulatory affairs, at [sadams@asha.org](mailto:sadams@asha.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2023). *Rhode Island* [Quick Facts]. <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/advocacy/state-fliers/rhode-island-state-flyer.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. Supporting Organizations. <https://aslpcompact.com/supporting-organizations/>.