

Jessica Marquardt, AuD
Audiologist
1500 Curve Crest Blvd
Stillwater, MN 55082
03/05/2024

Senator Melissa Wicklund
Chair of Health and Human Services
95 University Ave W
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2107
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Melissa Wicklund:

I am writing in support of the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) SF 2656 (Bolden). I would like to thank you and the committee for hearing this bill and for Senator Boldon for authorizing the bill.

The reason I support this bill is because it will allow licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists to practice face-to-face or through telehealth across state lines without having to become licensed in additional Compact states. This Compact will increase access to clients, patients, and students to facilitate continuity of care when they travel or relocate. It will increase access to services for populations currently underserved or geographically isolated and will allow military personnel and spouses to maintain their profession when relocating more easily.

With a shortage of speech language pathologists and audiologists in Minnesota and across other states, the interstate compact will expand access to qualified, licensed professionals to provide care to those with communication disorders.

Thank you for consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jessica Marquardt, AuD
Audiologist