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February 23, 2022

The Honorable Fred Wood  
Chair  
House Health and Welfare Committee  
Idaho House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0038

RE: HB 664

Dear Representative Wood and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to support HB 664, which adopts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 218,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Over 1,000 ASHA members reside in Idaho.<sup>1</sup>

ASHA members often have difficulty obtaining multiple state licenses to practice 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 HB 664, which will address these issues by:

- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and/or students; and
- facilitating continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another state, specifically with members of the military and their spouses.

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

Sincerely,

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

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2022 ASHA President

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<sup>1</sup> American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2021). *Idaho* [Quick Facts]. <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/uploadedfiles/idaho-state-flyer.pdf>.