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The Honorable Ben Watson  
Chair  
Health and Human Services Committee  
Georgia Senate  
320-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: SB 306

Dear Senator Watson:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to support SB 806, which adopts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. I also thank Committee members, Senators Burke and Orrock for sponsoring this important legislation.

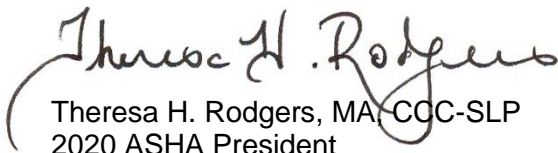
The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 204,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Over 4,950 ASHA members reside in Georgia.

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 SB 306, 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,

  
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