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Kelly Farr  
Director  
Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council  
Office of Planning and Budget  
2 Capitol Square  
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: HB 34, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Dear Director Farr:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to support HB 34, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 211,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Over 5,200 ASHA members reside in Georgia.<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. ASHA is pleased to support this bill, which will:

- increase access to care for patients, clients, and/or students; and
- facilitate 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 "A. Lynn Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Lynn Williams, PhD, CCC-SLP  
2021 ASHA President

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<sup>1</sup> American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2020). *Georgia* [Quick Facts] <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/uploadedfiles/Georgia-State-Flyer.pdf>.