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Dear Mr. Logsdon,

On behalf of the Occupational Therapy Association of Colorado (OTAC) organization, I am writing a letter to express our support for the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (OT Compact). OTAC is the state-level membership organization for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in the state of Colorado, representing over 5,000 professionals.

OTAC members have had difficulties in obtaining multiple state licenses to practice due to administrative burdens. These burdens have hindered their ability to provide quality services and restricted consumer access in underserved and rural communities. Much like the existing licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists and EMS personnel, the OT Compact will increase licensure portability while allowing member state regulatory boards to better protect consumers through enhanced sharing of licensure information. Existing interstate occupational licensure compacts have been successful in reducing barriers for practitioners who wish to provide services in other states.

OTAC is pleased that the OT Compact 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; and
- enhancing mobility for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; and
- preserving and strengthening the current system of state licensure.

Importantly, the OT Compact preserves each member state's authority to regulate the profession. Practitioners utilizing the OT Compact must abide by the laws and rules of the state in which they are practicing, including adhering to that state's scope of practice.

OTAC is proud to help support this important project on behalf of our members and applauds you for your leadership. We look forward to supporting the OT Compact in Colorado.

Best Regards,



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