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Dan Logsdon
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The Council of State Governments
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Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association (WOTA) I am writing to express our strong support of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (OT Compact). WOTA is a state-level membership organization for occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and occupational therapy students in Wisconsin. We represent over 5,000 occupational therapy practitioners.

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.

We recognize that the OT Compact will benefit consumers, our members and the profession by:

- Enhancing mobility for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants;
- Increasing access to care for clients;
- Facilitating continuity of care when clients or practitioners relocate or travel to another state;
- Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their certifications when relocating; 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.

With these benefits in mind, WOTA is excited to endorse the OT Compact. We look forward to supporting the OT Compact in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole Boyington' followed by the initials 'OTD, OTR/L'.

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President, Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association