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Dan Logsdon
Director
National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Counselor Education program at Clemson University, I write to express our strong support for the Counseling Compact. The Counselor Education program at Clemson University, which is located in Clemson, SC. We have enjoyed CACREP Accreditation since 1998 (school counseling) and 2012 (clinical mental health counseling). We currently have six full-time faculty members. Our department enrolls approximately 80 students per year for our on-campus program. For licensure, being a CACREP accredited program allows our graduates to meet many states' curricular and experiential requirements. However, if our graduates were to move to a different state, they would have to re-apply for licensure. In some instances, even after practicing counseling effectively for many years, relocation to a new state would result in our graduates being required to complete additional coursework, take a different licensure exam, and/or complete additional supervised counseling hours to be licensed in their new state.

Much like the existing licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists and EMS personnel, the Counseling Compact will increase licensure portability for practitioners 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 Counseling Compact will benefit consumers, our graduates and the counseling profession by:

- Enhancing mobility for counselors who meet uniform licensure requirements;
- Increasing access to care for clients;
- Ensuring continuity of care when clients or counselors relocate or travel to other states;
- Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their certifications when relocating; and
- Preserving and strengthening the current system of state licensure.

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Importantly, the Counseling Compact preserves each member state's authority to regulate the profession. Counselors utilizing the 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, the Counselor Education program at Clemson University is excited to endorse the Counseling Compact.

We look forward to supporting the Counseling Compact in South Carolina.

Respectfully,

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