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Dan Logsdon
Director-National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
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Dear Mr. Logsdon:

The Utah Mental Health Counseling Association (UMHCA) fully endorses passage of the Counseling Compact by state legislatures. UMHCA advocates for over 1200 licensed clinical mental health counselors in Utah who are licensed to assess, diagnose, and treat mental disorders.

UMHCA endorses the Counseling Compact because it provides for:

- Greater individual and family access to mental health services offered by licensed counselors
- Consistently high standards of public health safety in the participating states
- Continuity of care for patients when patients or counselors relocate or travel to other states
- Military personnel and spouses to maintain their licenses to practice when relocating
- Increased mobility for fully licensed clinical mental health counselors
- State licensure that is preserved and strengthened in the respective participating states

After reviewing the proposed Counseling Compact legislation, UMHCA recommends compact adoption. The compact maintains standards of public safety while adhering to state ethical and legal mandates. UMHCA urges its members to engage state legislators in supporting the passage of the Counseling Compact.

If I can be of further support, please contact me:

Sincerely,

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