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 - a. Subject line: [Request for Support of the Interstate Counseling Compact by the American Counseling Association \(ACA\)](#)
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Hello,

I am writing to urge your support for the the Interstate Counseling Compact by the American Counseling Association (ACA). As a member of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP) and an employer of numerous licensed counselors at my program, I believe this compact is essential for our field.

NATSAP ensures the well-being of children in therapeutic schools and programs across several states. Our licensed counselors play a vital role in addressing mental health and emotional needs, supporting growth and development. However, current state licensure requirements hinder efficient service delivery across state lines. The ACA Interstate Counseling Compact offers a solution, allowing counselors to practice across state borders without compromising quality and safety.

Supporting the Interstate Counseling Compact offers several key benefits:

- *Enhanced Access: Allows licensed counselors to practice across state lines, increasing crucial mental health services' availability, especially for underserved populations.*
- *Streamlined Processes: Simplifies administrative hurdles by granting counselors a single authorization for practice across multiple states, expediting service delivery.*
- *Consistent Standards: Maintains professional excellence with uniform practice standards across state boundaries.*
- *Mobility and Collaboration: Promotes professional mobility and collaboration among counselors across different states.*
- *Efficient Telehealth: Facilitates streamlined provision of telehealth and online counseling services to meet growing demand.*

Please consider co-sponsoring or supporting the ACA Interstate Counseling Compact bill in the upcoming legislative session, demonstrating your commitment to children's well-being and mental health care across state lines.

For more information or questions about the Compact, visit <https://www.counseling.org/government-affairs/counseling-compact>. To learn more about NATSAP, contact NATSAP's Public Affairs Director, Maddy Schoap, at maddy@natsap.org.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, and we look forward to your support for the ACA Interstate Counseling Compact.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title/Position in NATSAP]

[Organization Name]

[Contact Information]