

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

The American Counseling Association, in coordination with the Kansas Counseling Association (included here), is excited to support the Counseling Compact, which has a hearing before your committee tomorrow. Please see attached.

On behalf of the American Counseling Association (ACA), I am writing to express our strong support for HB 2288 which will allow Kansas to join the 19 states that have enacted the Counseling Compact as well as the 23 states that have introduced this legislative session. Founded in 1952, ACA is the world's largest association exclusively representing over 62,000 professional counselors in all fifty states including Kansas.

The Compact is the only viable, sustainable, and long-term solution to the issue of licensure portability, practice across state lines, and workforce shortages in behavioral health. We are deeply grateful for your leadership on such a critical issue and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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