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Representatives Rivera and Neilson:

We are writing on behalf of the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association (PSHA), representing Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists across the state of PA, to express our support for HB 1900, the Educator Tax Credit.

Half of all Speech Language Pathologists in Pennsylvania work in school settings. We support children across all grade bands, with a diversity of disorders, such as autism, stuttering, developmental language disorders, dysarthria (difficulty speaking clearly due to muscle weakness or paralysis), apraxia (difficulty speaking clearly due to challenges planning and executing accurate movements for speech) and phonological disorders .

Because of the complexity of students we serve, there are not pre-set curriculums that fit the needs of all students. SLPs, like other educators, spend substantial amounts of their own money on supplies and materials for their students. SLPs are typically paid on the same payscale as teachers, and as a result, our out of pocket spending represents the same financial burden as it does on teachers.

We are hopeful that Speech Language Pathologists will be considered "Eligible Educators" in this important piece of legislation and thankful for the introduction of this bill.

Please reach out to us at [PSHA@psa.org](mailto:PSHA@psa.org) if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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