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Donald H. Polk, DO  
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Dear Dr. Polk,

The American Academy of Neurology, a professional association of 28,000 neurologists and clinical neuroscience professionals dedicated to promoting the highest quality patient-centered neurologic care, strongly supports the efforts of the Federation of State Medical Boards to implement the proposal known as the "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact," which will create a new pathway for physicians who seek licensure in multiple states.

In an era where health care is changing rapidly, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact is a step in the right direction, especially for those neurologists who provide care to patients via telemedicine. As stated by the American Medical Association, proponents of telemedicine have often cited the time-consuming state-by-state licensure process for multiple-license holders as a key barrier to overcome in order for telemedicine to continue to grow and thrive. The compact would make it easier and faster for physicians to obtain licenses to practice in multiple states, thus helping extend the impact and availability of their care at a time when demand is expected to grow significantly.

States joining the compact would also increase physician access for individuals who reside in areas where a specific specialist may not be available. This includes patients who reside in rural areas, as well as those who live in nursing homes and other rehabilitation facilities.

Thank you for your work on this very important issue. Please contact Tim Miller at [tmiller@aan.com](mailto:tmiller@aan.com) to follow up with any questions or suggestions as to how we can further support your efforts

Sincerely,

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