



January 28, 2021

Mr. Dan Logsdon
Director, National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon,

The American Association of Dental Boards has many concerns regarding the portability of licensure for military spouses, as well as portability in general. As president of the AADB and a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, I am passionate about military families and how they are treated relative to licensure.

As you know, we are a country of 50 states, each with its own rights. Each of these states vary in their positions regarding portability. Some are open to the idea; many others are not. The American Association of Dental Boards would like to lead the way on expediting licensure for military spouses. This may be accomplished in several ways. One avenue is via a compact. A more efficient and less complicated pathway is creating a system for expedition within the structure that already exists.

We want to continue our communication with you, and if we can collaborate, we are open to the idea.

We as an organization stand on our own. We are not an affiliate of the American Dental Association and they do not represent us. We see ourselves in a leadership position and welcome negotiation and dialogue, as well as sharing to assist the plight of military spouses, and their families.

Warmest regards,

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Robert Zena, D.M.D.
President

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