

February 1, 2011

Ms. Becky Hultberg
Alaska Department of Administration
P.O. Box 110200
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Alaska Board of Public Accountancy Executive Administrator

Dear Commissioner Hultberg;

The Alaska Society of CPAs is discouraged and concerned by the recent developments surrounding the Alaska Board of Public Accountancy Position and Salary Range Draft Determination. As indicated in the letter from the Board of Public Accountancy, this position is imperative to the functioning of our board and our profession. Our members have struggled with the lack of leadership, knowledge and consistency associated with the turnover and limitations of the licensing examiner position.

The consideration of an appropriate pay range needs to be analyzed in conjunction with our profession, as the cost of this position will be funded entirely by those CPAs licensed in the State. If no such consideration is made we risk experiencing the same frustrations as the position will not attract the necessary qualified candidates or help ensure consistency, but will likely create greater problems and frustrations in our profession and continued challenges for the State in its public protection responsibilities. If you need additional industry information to complete your analysis, I assure you there are many within the CPA community willing to provide such information.

Thank you for your additional consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



John Rodgers, CPA
AKCPA President

Cc: Representative Olson
Representative Hawker
Susan Bell, Commission, DCED
Nicki Neal, Administrator Division of Personnel & Labor Relations
Don Habeger, Administrator Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing
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