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**Subject:** Please Support HB 121 – Modernize CPA Licensure Requirements in Alaska  
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Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 121, which would eliminate the rigid 150-hours of education requirement for CPA licensure in Alaska.

This change would:

1. Make the CPA profession more accessible and affordable to aspiring accountants.
2. Help address Alaska's growing shortage of licensed CPAs, especially in underserved regions.
3. Keep Alaska competitive with other states that are actively reconsidering or rolling back the 150-hours of education rule.
4. Preserve the profession's high standards by maintaining all current CPA exam and experience requirements.

HB 121 represents a much-needed modernization that respects the realities of today's workforce while still upholding the values of the CPA profession. Please vote YES on HB 121.

Sincerely,



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