From: Ami Oppe

To: <u>Senate State Affairs</u>
Cc: <u>Rep. Calvin Schrage</u>

**Subject:** Please Support HB 121 – Modernize CPA Licensure Requirements in Alaska

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Importance: High

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:

- Make the CPA profession more accessible and affordable to aspiring accountants.
- Help address Alaska's growing shortage of licensed CPAs, especially in underserved regions.
- Keep Alaska competitive with other states that are actively reconsidering or rolling back the 150-hours of education rule.
- 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,	
Ami Oppe	
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