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Subject: Call to Action - Strong Support for the Passage of House Bill 121 This Session
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Dear Senate State Affairs Committee,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 121, which seeks to remove the outdated 150-credit hour requirement for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure in our state. I urge you to support this important measure and help move it forward during this legislative session.

The 150-hour rule has proven to be a barrier to entry into the CPA profession without a clear link to increased competency. It places an unnecessary financial and time burden on aspiring accountants, many of whom are already well-qualified after completing a rigorous 120-credit hour bachelor's degree and passing the CPA exam. Removing this requirement would make the profession more accessible and help address the growing talent shortage in the accounting field.

In a time when businesses of all sizes are struggling to find qualified financial professionals, House Bill 121 is a timely, practical reform. It maintains high standards—such as passing the CPA exam and gaining relevant experience—while eliminating an arbitrary educational hurdle that has disproportionately affected students from lower-income and nontraditional backgrounds.

Modernizing the licensure path will not only align our state with evolving workforce needs, but also promote diversity, reduce student debt, and ensure we remain competitive with states already considering or implementing similar changes.

I respectfully urge you to support House Bill 121 and help open the door to a new generation of highly capable accounting professionals.

Sincerely,

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