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To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Cc: [Rep. Calvin Schrage](#)
Subject: Support for HB 121 – Modernize CPA Licensure Requirements in Alaska
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Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

As a practicing CPA and owner of a CPA firm in Palmer, Alaska, I am writing in strong support of House Bill 121, which would eliminate the rigid 150-hour education requirement for CPA licensure in our state.

This change would remove an unnecessary barrier for those pursuing the CPA designation, creating an environment where more students can realistically meet the licensure requirements. Public accounting plays a vital role in supporting businesses across Alaska, and we need to encourage more young professionals to consider becoming CPAs.

In my experience, both in obtaining my license and in conversations with those exploring the CPA path, the additional 30 credit hours do not enhance the practical skills or effectiveness of new professionals. While some candidates use these hours to earn a master's degree, many are forced to take unrelated "filler" courses simply to meet the requirement. This results in wasted time and money, discouraging students from choosing public accounting over other career paths.

Importantly, HB 121 maintains the high standards of the profession by preserving the rigorous CPA exam and experience requirements. These are far more meaningful indicators of a candidate's readiness than the total number of credit hours completed.

HB 121 represents a thoughtful modernization of our licensure process, acknowledging the realities of today's workforce while upholding the integrity of the CPA profession. I respectfully urge you to vote **YES** on this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Crystal Stanley

Certified Public Accountant



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