

April 10, 2025

Kansas Senate
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Kansas Senators,

On behalf of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants (KSCPA) representing more than 2,000 members and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and its 431,000 members nationwide, including thousands of CPAs who live and work in Kansas—we write to **express our opposition to the CCR for Senate Bill 30**, which requires new occupational licensing requirements and material changes to be approved by joint resolution of the legislature.

While intended to streamline government processes, SB 30 would in fact create **unnecessary bureaucratic barriers** and additional layers of administrative oversight that undermine efficiency. By subjecting the Kansas Board of Accountancy's licensing authority to legislative approval and extensive reporting requirements, the bill adds new procedural hurdles that will slow the ability to adapt licensure standards to meet the needs of Kansas businesses and protect the public.

Also concerning is the fact that this version of the **legislation moved forward without a public hearing**. Stakeholders such as CPAs, firms, business leaders, and consumers — who would be directly impacted by these changes — were not given the opportunity to voice concerns or offer input on these provisions. If a hearing were held on this version of the bill, the CPAs would have requested an exemption, like several other professional groups in Kansas or asked for additional streamlining amendments to be added.

SB 30 will have **profound negative effects on the CPA profession in Kansas** at a time when modernizing CPA licensure is critically important. The CPA profession is currently working nationally to update the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) to offer additional pathways to licensure, ensuring the profession remains strong, accessible, and responsive to workforce needs. However, the complex procedural structure imposed by SB 30 will hinder Kansas's ability to keep pace with national reforms, limiting the ability of Kansas CPAs to seamlessly practice across state lines and jeopardizing Kansas businesses' access to qualified professionals.

Kansas has long been recognized for its commitment to uniform, high-quality CPA licensing standards — an essential element in maintaining national mobility for CPAs and the companies they serve. SB 30 threatens to dismantle that reputation, erecting barriers that hurt Kansas CPAs, Kansas clients, and the broader Kansas economy.

We urge your opposition of SB 30 and would welcome the opportunity to work to find a better path forward that supports Kansas's goals for good governance without disrupting critical professional licensing structures.

Sincerely,

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