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TO: Technical Standards Team
National Association of State Boards of Accountancy
150 Fourth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219-2417

FROM: NJCPA Board of Trustees

RE: Exposure Draft – Proposed Changes to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA)

Dear Members of the AICPA and NASBA,

On behalf of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJCPA), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) that would establish an additional pathway to CPA licensure. The NJCPA strongly supports these revisions as they represent a critical step in ensuring the long-term viability and accessibility of the CPA profession while maintaining its high standards of competency and integrity.

The introduction of an alternative path to CPA licensure aligns with the evolving needs of the profession, allowing for greater flexibility in the licensure process without compromising the rigorous educational and experiential requirements that ensure CPAs remain trusted advisors. By expanding the pipeline of qualified candidates, these changes will help address workforce shortages and enhance the profession's ability to attract and retain talent.

Furthermore, alignment of CPA licensure requirements across jurisdictions is vital to maintaining practice mobility, a principle that has been fundamental to the profession's success. A consistent and widely adopted model ensures that CPAs can seamlessly serve clients across state lines without encountering regulatory barriers. The proposed revisions to the UAA reflect this commitment to mobility and national consistency, reinforcing public trust in the profession while adapting to modern workforce dynamics.

In New Jersey, we recognize the importance of providing multiple avenues for entry into the profession. As such, the NJCPA is actively working on a draft bill for the New Jersey Legislature that would establish an additional path to CPA licensure, consistent with the principles outlined in the UAA exposure draft. We believe this legislative effort will not only align New Jersey's licensure requirements with national best practices but also serve as a model for other jurisdictions considering similar reforms.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with NASBA, the AICPA and other stakeholders to advance initiatives that benefit the CPA profession and the public it serves.

Sincerely,

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