

April 27, 2026

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chair, House Committee on Corporations, Rhode Island House
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Chair Solomon, and Members of the House Committee on Corporations,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MassCPAs), we write today to express our strong support for H.7839, *AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY*. MassCPAs is the state's premier professional association of certified public accountants and tax professionals, representing more than 11,500 members across public accounting, business and industry, government, and education. Our members serve businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities throughout the region, and many work across state lines in Rhode Island, reflecting the interconnected and regional nature of the accounting profession.

H.7839 maintains the integrity of the CPA license while creating an additional pathway that improves access to the profession. By allowing candidates to qualify with a bachelor's degree, two years of experience, and passage of the CPA Exam, the bill preserves rigor while helping address workforce shortages facing the profession.

This approach reflects a broader national movement, with more than 40 states advancing similar reforms. Aligning Rhode Island with these states is critical to maintaining mobility and ensuring businesses and organizations can continue to access CPA services without unnecessary barriers.

The Massachusetts legislature is currently considering similar legislation, and we are hopeful our bill will advance in the coming weeks. Continued regional alignment on this issue will be important to support a strong and modern CPA workforce across New England.

We commend the Rhode Island Board of Accountancy for its leadership and respectfully urge the Committee to support H.7839.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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