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Senator Tou Xiong, Chair
Senate State and Local Government Committee
3203 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for Senate File 1536 (Rasmussen) – Expanding pathways to CPA licensure

Dear Chair Xiong and committee members,

The Minnesota Association of Public Accountants (MAPA) represents small-to medium-size accounting practices that service businesses and individuals throughout Minnesota. MAPA membership includes Certified Public Accountants, Public Accountants, Enrolled Agents, and Registered Accounting Professionals.

MAPA strongly supports Senate File 1536 (Rasmussen) and efforts to broaden pathways to Certified Public Accountant Licensure. Senate File 1536 is a vital step in addressing the challenges facing the CPA profession, particularly in expanding accessibility and attracting a diverse pool of qualified candidates to the accounting field.

The current 150-hour education requirement is a significant barrier for many aspiring CPAs, limiting entry into the profession while failing to keep pace with the evolving needs of businesses and the workforce. The alternative pathways to licensure proposed in SF1536 maintains the high standards of our profession while providing the additional flexibility that will help alleviate the growing CPA shortage.

Modernizing licensure requirements will ensure Minnesota remains a competitive and attractive state for future accountants to build their careers.

MAPA urges support and passage of Senate File 1536 to assist in sustaining the integrity and growth of the CPA profession while creating new opportunities for aspiring accountants across the state.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and support.

Sincerely,

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