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Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee
The Honorable Gloria Negrete-McLeod, Chair
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill: **SB 691**
Position: **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Negrete-McLeod:

At its March 20, 2009 meeting, the California Board of Accountancy (Board) voted to support Senate Bill 691.

Effective January 1, 2012, SB 691 would eliminate Business and Professions Code Section 5092, otherwise known as Pathway 1, as an option for licensure. This will bring California's licensure requirements in line with those established in the Uniform Accountancy Act, the national "model" for the profession, and will enable a California license to be deemed "substantially equivalent" for purposes of practicing in other jurisdictions.

The Board believes that California licensees' ability to practice in other states is an important step in ensuring that they remain competitive with licensees from other jurisdictions. For this reason, the Board supports SB 691.

Sincerely,

Robert Petersen, CPA
President

c: Senator Mark Wyland, Vice-Chair, Senate Business, Professions & Economic
Development Committee

Senator Leland Yee

Laura Zuniga, Deputy Director Legislative & Policy Review, DCA
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