March 20, 2009

The Honorable Ira Ruskin
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: SB 691—Support

Dear Assemblymember Ruskin:

We are accounting students attending San Jose State University and we would like to request your support of SB 691 (Yee/Ma/Niello) which will establish a single educational pathway for becoming a CPA in California.

Forty-six states already require 150 units/hours of education. If California doesn't conform to the national standard, our future CPA license may not allow us to work on our clients' behalf across state lines. We are working hard to complete our education to enter the CPA profession and we need your help.

As we know, college can be expensive, but SB 691 provides a great solution. It allows students to first graduate and start working (i.e., earning money), then sit for the CPA Exam and finish earning any additional units we may need to reach 150—we can even earn the units at community colleges. Also, many CPA firms pay for candidates to complete the remaining units.

I urge you to support SB 691 when it comes before you for a vote.

39 Signatures

Sincerely,

Susan Kanning
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