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Good Afternoon Representatives,

I am reaching out to you because I have been urging the MECPA to take up CPA firm mobility, as have so many other states in the U.S. I understand that your committee will be taking up this timely issue with LD 171.

Firm mobility will allow my firm to do business in other states that allow reciprocity. I am a CPA ERISA specialist, and under current law I have had to forgo opportunities in other states (or otherwise undergo the burden of firm licensing in such states). Some states do not have a variety of firms that offer the type of work I do, except for national firms that maintain firm licenses in those states.

Likewise, I am sure there are small firms in states outside of Maine with other specialties, who would like to have the opportunity to provide their services here.

The change should not result in any detriment to quality of CPA services. I believe the language in LD 171 incorporates conformity with AICPA rules.

Please give this issue due consideration so that Maine can join the growing list of states modernizing rules to allow CPAs to cross state lines without the burdens of firm licensing.

Thank you,

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