

Dear Congressional Member,

We are writing to respectfully request that you cosponsor [H.R.3855](#), the *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act*, recently introduced by Reps. Haley Stevens and Victoria Spartz. The bill establishes the accounting profession as a STEM career pathway and supports long-standing efforts to create more diversity in the future accounting workforce. Specifically it adds “activities to promote the development, implementation, and strengthening of programs to teach accounting” to the list of allowable uses of grant funding under the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program with a focus on increasing access to high-quality accounting courses for students through grade 12 who are members of groups underrepresented in accounting careers.

We believe that it is an important step to having accounting recognized as a STEM field under Technology. The accounting profession heavily relies on technology and CPAs and others that work in accounting utilize technology skills in areas that are both integral to the audit function and other services for American businesses, including IT auditing (which demands high-level technology knowledge and skills in order to evaluate IT infrastructure), artificial intelligence, blockchain, data analytics and forensic and predictive accounting and cybersecurity. We believe this bill, because it recognizes accounting as a STEM field, would increase student engagement with the accounting profession and, at the same time, promote diversity while creating a diverse pipeline in the accounting workforce and profession.

Again, on behalf of the 23,000 members of the New York State Society of CPAs ([NYSSCPA](#)) and along with our national partners at the AICPA, we ask that you cosponsor this bill. To cosponsor, please reach out to Sammi Goldsmith in Rep. Stevens’ office at sammi.goldsmith@mail.house.gov, or Erica Barker in Rep. Spartz’s office at erica.barker@mail.house.gov.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact my Government Relations Manager Jovan C. Richards at jrichards@nysscpa.org. Thank you for your commitment to the future of the accounting profession and continued leadership in Congress.

Sincerely,
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