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The Honorable Pete Ricketts  
Governor of Nebraska  
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Dear Governor Ricketts:

On behalf of the more than 2,600 members of the Nebraska Society of CPAs, I am writing to urge the State of Nebraska to extend by 90 days both the tax filing and tax payment due dates, along with a waiver of any related penalties and interest during that time.

Numerous Nebraska taxpayers require the help of a tax expert to complete and file an accurate return, especially considering the significant federal and state tax law changes enacted over the last two years. The process of preparing accurate returns or extensions often involves face-to-face meetings of tax preparers and clients, which is highly being discouraged at this time. All nonessential businesses have been encouraged to close operations or send their employees to work from home.

There's an extremely high level of stress within the tax preparation community today. March, in the best of years, is a challenging month. Many of our members are attempting to follow state directives by going remote with their workforces for the first time. This new workplace uncertainty is making it very difficult to meet existing deadlines.

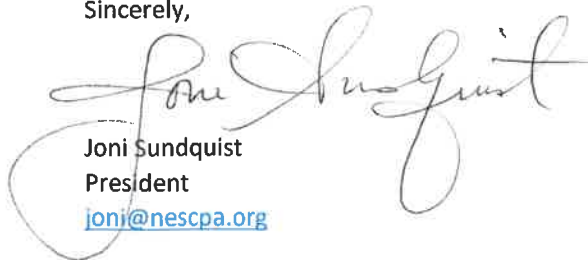
When you add in the challenges of children at home due to school closures and the likelihood that daycares are limited or are closing, CPAs who typically would be working 12-hour days are unable to do so. Many are trying to get their clients' tax forms completed while working from their kitchen tables with spotty internet connections and clients who cannot access needed information.

While we recognize that extending a major tax due date and related payments creates difficulties for government entities, we believe the significant challenges created by the pandemic merit the State of Nebraska doing just that.

Please take these points into consideration and grant an extension of time to both filings and payments.

Thank you for the leadership you are providing our state and all Nebraskans during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,



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