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The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
PO Box 94848
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Dear Governor Ricketts:

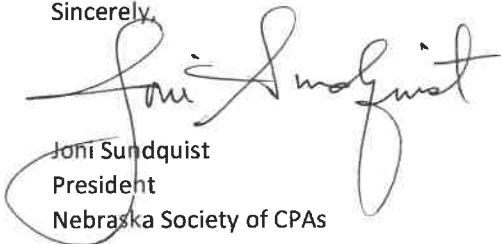
Thank you for your leadership and service during this unprecedented crisis. We are writing to request that CPAs be designated essential service providers as they have been in several other states. As we have watched other states implement stay-at-home orders, the Nebraska Society of CPAs is concerned about the economic impact to our communities and our members. Should it become necessary for you to implement shelter-in-place or lockdown orders, we ask that you include CPAs and the accounting profession in the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.

According to the [Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency advisory](#) and CISA's [Guidance on the 16 Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#), the Financial Services Sector is one of these essential services. We believe CPAs and accounting are included in the Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure and ask that you consider our request to treat them as such should you determine that increased security measures are in order.

CPAs are essential to the U.S. economy as we work on compliance with federal and state tax and financial reporting requirements. CPAs are essential for the preparation of taxes, audits, and financial reports for business financing and loans, projections, and contingency planning for businesses. CPAs process payroll and provide paychecks to constituents and assist in complying with state laws and regulations, filing taxes, and receiving refunds. Forcing CPAs to stop practicing at this crucial time will only slow the already crippled financial system; we hope you will recognize the importance of the profession and designate it as essential.

The Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants (NesCPA) is the leading professional association in the state dedicated to advancing CPAs. Founded in 1928, the NesCPA has more than 2,600 members who work in public accounting, industry, government, and education. Please feel free to contact me at 402-416-5170 or joni@nescpa.org if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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