

SB 261 - State Board of Public Accountancy - Sunset Extension and Report Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee January 23, 2025 Legislative Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Feldman and members of the Committee,

The Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) represents nearly 9,000 members, including licensed CPAs in public practice, private industry, government, non-profit organizations, and education. Each of our members interacts with the State Board of Public Accountancy in some capacity, making the Board's effective operation essential to our profession and the public it serves.

The responsibilities of the Board of Accountancy have grown in recent years, and its staff has done an excellent job managing increased workloads while maintaining the operations required of a licensing agency. Their work is critical to safeguarding the integrity of the accounting profession and protecting the public interest.

MACPA has a longstanding partnership with the State Board of Public Accountancy, and we remain committed to supporting its vital work. We respectfully request a **favorable report** on SB 261 to ensure the Board's continued ability to serve the public and the accounting profession effectively.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information about this position, please contact marybeth@macpa.org or Nick Manis manis@maniscanning.com.