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**SB 051 – Accountants – Reciprocal Licenses - Qualifications**

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**Education, Energy, and the Environment**

Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 051 - Accountants – Reciprocal Licenses-Qualifications. My name is Debra Roberts, and I am the President of DLR Accounting Solutions.

This bill aims to remove restrictive qualifications required for licensing within the state. Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) must meet equivalent professional standards and continuing education requirements. Therefore, the existing language does not enhance the value of the license nor impose additional professional obligations. Enacting this bill will bring the state into alignment with most states in the United States, as well as Canada and South Africa.

Should this bill be enacted, it will enable many small CPA firms to operate within the state, potentially resulting in increased revenue through income tax, licensing fees, and employer taxes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra L. Roberts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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