Legislative and regulatory advocacy for the CPA profession is one of the central pillars of the Illinois CPA Society. ICPAS maintains a full-time Government Relations Office located in the Capitol Complex with staff who work with Members of the Illinois General Assembly and their staffs and state regulators on issues of interest to the profession.

The Government Relations Office also works closely with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to communicate with Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation on pending federal issues.

The Illinois CPA Society works with a diverse group of stakeholder organizations and key strategic partners to maximize our advocacy efforts on behalf of the CPA profession.

**Illinois CPA Society’s Government Relations Policy:** The Illinois CPA Society follows an established legislative policy in determining positions on legislation and regulatory issues. The policy focuses *inter alia* on the legislative/regulatory impact of ICPAS members and the CPA title.

**Advocacy Priority Areas:** The following are priority areas of focus of the Illinois CPA Society’s advocacy efforts:

- CPA credential
- CPA regulation
- CPA practice
- Oppose taxing professional services
- Oppose fund sweeps of the CPA Administration and Discipline Fund
- Formulation of good tax policy
- Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- Illinois Board of Examiners

**ICPAS Government Relations-Legislative Services**

- Monitor thousands of bills introduced each session of the General Assembly to determine possible impact on the CPA profession.
• Provide position papers and background briefing sheets to Members of the Illinois General Assembly and legislative staffs.

• Provide testimony before legislative committees in favor or opposed to legislation impacting the CPA profession.

• Meet with legislators advocating the CPA profession’s position of legislation.

• Closely work with AICPA federal relations staff in communicating with Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation and their staffs on federal issues impacting the CPA profession.

• Maintain professional relationships with Members of the Illinois General Assembly, constitutional officers, cabinet directors, and Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

Regulation

• Monitors agency rulemaking that impacts the CPA profession.

• Provides technical comments to proposed agency regulations impacting the CPA profession.

• Maintains professional relationships with key regulatory agencies such as the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and the Illinois Board of Examiners.

Resources and Constituent Services to ICPAS Members

• Assist ICPAS members with navigating Illinois state government by responding to inquiries and/or referring members to the appropriate agency or elected official.

• Real time 24/7 legislative tracking reports.

• Legislative Morning Reports each day the General Assembly is in session.

• Legislative Action Center.

• White papers and regulatory bulletins on technical issues.

• Capitol Dispatch—Monthly e-publication on legislative and regulatory news.

• Government Relations column in Insight Magazine—In depth articles on contemporary political and regulatory issues.

• Legislative alerts/updates—Priority notices to ICPAS members on calls to action on legislative issues or information on legislative developments.

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