



October 2, 2023

The Honorable Bob Morgan, Chair, and
The Honorable Randy Frese,
Republican Spokesperson
House Health Care Licenses Committee
Illinois House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Morgan, Minority Spokesman Frese, and Members of the Health Care Licensing Committee:

Thank you for holding the recent subject matter hearing on IDFPR licensure processing delays. Testimony by a broad spectrum of health care professional organizations and the Secretary of IDFPR highlighted the impact on individual licensees and their respective employing organizations.

My purpose in writing today on behalf of our 23,000 members and over 39,150 Illinois credentialed certified public accountants is to amplify that the “crisis” described by Secretary Treto and other witness testimony reaches beyond the health care industry. During the renewal for CPAs and CPA firms in 2022, we first encountered the IDFPR IT Armageddon that resulted in the renewal deadline being extended due to processing delays. It should be noted that we continue to hear from CPAs encountering prolonged delays in licensure by endorsement, restoration, or first-time applicants.

We understand the strain on the medical community and potentially life and death situations with the delivery of health care. While our circumstances do not rise to this level of severity of the delivery of health care, there is and has been a significant far-reaching impact on the accounting profession and those it serves.

We have met with Secretary Treto on several occasions and are committed to being a good partner with the regulatory agency. We will of course continue to work with the secretary and IDFPR leadership in mitigating the impact of the licensure crisis at hand and to prepare for our 2024 license renewal.

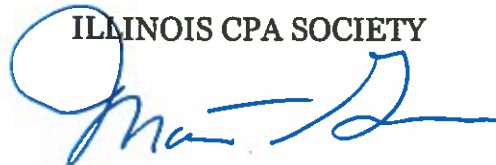
Moving forward, we would respectfully ask for your consideration of:

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- Recognition that the issues discussed at the September 27, 2023, hearing impact all professions licensed by the Division of Professional Regulation.
- Exploration of legislative alternatives for expedited procurement allowing the agency to transition to a new licensure IT enterprise.
- Sharing of the agency "PIP reports" submitted to the committee staffs with stakeholder associations.

Thank you again for your attention to this important issue. Please feel free to contact me at 217.789.7914, if I can answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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