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SEVP Response Center
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20536
Via email: SEVP@ice.dhs.gov

Re: Attention: STEM CIP Code Nomination

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the accounting education community, we would like to express our strong support for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) request to add the accounting Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code to the Department of Homeland Security's STEM Designated Degree Program List.

The accounting profession has undergone significant transformation, evolving into a discipline that not only embraces but actively drives technological innovation essential for businesses to thrive in a global economy. Today's accountants are adept in software development, cloud computing, and a spectrum of emerging technologies, positioning them as pivotal contributors to organizational efficiency and financial management. For instance, technologies like robotic process automation (RPA), blockchain, cybersecurity, and data analytics are integral components of modern accounting practices.

Accounting education programs nationwide are aligning their curricula with industry demands, as evidenced by initiatives such as the CPA Evolution Model Curriculum (CPAEMC), jointly developed by AICPA and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). This framework emphasizes competencies in Information Systems and Controls, underscoring the critical role of technology in modern accounting practices. Further, updates to the Uniform CPA Exam that became effective in January 2024 emphasize data analytics and technology across all exam sections, reflecting the evolving nature of the profession and the imperative for candidates to possess comprehensive technological acumen.

Despite the proactive adaptation of accounting curricula to integrate these technological advancements, the current absence of STEM recognition for accounting education overlooks the profound impact and advanced skill sets demanded by the profession. Designating accounting as a STEM discipline is essential to accurately reflect the rigorous technical training and proficiency required of accounting professionals today.

Recognizing accounting as a STEM field will not only validate the advanced technical skills acquired and required by accounting graduates; it also will ensure their readiness to meet the dynamic challenges of the global marketplace. It is our firm belief that this recognition is crucial in equipping future accountants with the requisite knowledge and skills to navigate and innovate in a technology-driven economy.

We are committed to supporting the educational needs of future accounting professionals and contributing to the competitiveness and integrity of American businesses.

Sincerely,

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American University	Campbell University
Andrews University	Carlow University
Angelo State University	Carson-Newman University
Appalachian State University	Case Western Reserve University
Arkansas Baptist College	Catholic University of America
Arkansas Tech University	Centenary University
Ashland University	Central Washington University
Auburn University	Charleston Southern University
Augsburg College	Chicago State University
Austin Peay State University	Christian Brothers University
Averett University	Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Avila University	Claremont McKenna College
Baker College	Clark University
Baker University	Clemson University
Baldwin Wallace University	Cleveland State University
Baruch College	Coastal Carolina University
Baylor University	College of DuPage
Bentley University	College of New Jersey
Berea College	College of the Holy Cross
Binghamton University	College of William and Mary
Black Hills State University	Colorado Mesa University
Boise State University	Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Boston College	Colorado State University-Pueblo
Boston University	Columbus State University
Bowling Green State University-Main Campus	Converse College
Brigham Young University-Provo	Cumberland University
Bryant University	CUNY Medgar Evers College
Buena Vista University	Daemen College
Butler University	Dakota State University
Cairn University-Langhorne	Dartmouth College
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	DePaul University
California State University-East Bay	DeVry University-Illinois
California State University-Fresno	Drake University
California State University-Fullerton	Drury University
California State University-Long Beach	East Carolina University
California State University-Sacramento	East Central University
California State University-San Bernardino	East Tennessee State University
	Eastern Connecticut State University

Eastern Mennonite University
Elmhurst College
Emporia State University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Metropolitan
Campus
Faulkner University
Flagler College-St Augustine
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Freed-Hardeman University
Fresno Pacific University
Frostburg State University
Gallaudet University
George Fox University
George Mason University
Georgetown College
Georgetown University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgian Court University
Golden Gate University-San Francisco
Gonzaga University
Gordon College
Goshen College
Grand Canyon University
Grand Valley State University
Harris-Stowe State University
Henderson State University
Hofstra University
Husson University
Illinois State University
Immaculata University
Indiana State University
Indiana University-East
Indiana University-Northwest
Indiana Wesleyan University-Marion
Iona College
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Kansas State University
Kansas Wesleyan University
Kean University
Keiser University-Ft Lauderdale
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University at Kent
King's College
La Roche College
LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lindenwood University
Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University and Agricultural &
Mechanical College
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lycoming College
Maharishi University of Management
Malone University
Manchester University
Maranatha Baptist University
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Mercy University
Messiah University
Miami University-Ohio
Middle Tennessee State University
Millikin University
Minnesota State University-Mankato
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
Missouri Baptist University
Missouri Valley College
Molloy College
Monmouth College
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Morehead State University
Morgan State University
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Murray State University
New Mexico Highlands University
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Dakota State University-Main Campus
Northern Illinois University
Northern Kentucky University
Northern New Mexico College
Northwest Missouri State University
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio Dominican University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma Christian University
Oklahoma State University
Ottawa University-Ottawa
Pace University-New York
Paine College
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Erie-
Behrend College
Pepperdine University
Pittsburg State University
Portland State University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Regent University
Robert Morris University
Rockhurst University
Roosevelt University
Rutgers University-Camden
Sacred Heart University
Saint Cloud State University
Saint Edward's University
Saint John Fisher College
Saint Leo University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Saint Michael's College
Saint Vincent College
Salem State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Seattle University
Shepherd University
Siena College
Southeast Missouri State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern Arkansas University Main Campus
Southern Connecticut State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Utah University
Southwest Baptist University
Southwest Minnesota State University
St. Mary's University
State University of New York at New Paltz
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stevenson University
Stockton University
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Fredonia
SUNY College at Brockport
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College at Plattsburgh
SUNY Oneonta
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Tabor College
Taylor University
Temple University
Tennessee Technological University
Texas A & M University-College Station
Texas A & M University-Commerce
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Wesleyan University
The College of Saint Scholastica
The University of Alabama
The University of Findlay
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at El Paso
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

The University of West Florida
Thomas Jefferson University
Tiffin University
Transylvania University
Trevecca Nazarene University
Trinity University
Troy University
Truman State University
Union Adventist University
University of Akron Main Campus
University of Alaska - Fairbanks
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
University of Arkansas at Monticello
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Charleston
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Dubuque
University of Hawaii at Hilo
University of Hawaii-West Oahu
University of Houston-Downtown
University of Houston-Victoria
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University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Maine at Augusta
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Maryland-University College
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Miami
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mount Olive
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
University of New Haven
University of New Orleans
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Georgia
University of North Texas
University of Northwestern-St Paul
University of Pennsylvania
University of Phoenix - Central Administration
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University of South Florida-Main Campus
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University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
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Utah Tech University
Utica University
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