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Chairman Kessler and members of the committee,

My name is Brian Bergkamp, and I represent Kansas House District 93 in southwest Sedgwick County.

I am here today to testify in favor of HB 2573, which impacts individuals seeking to become certified public accountants (CPAs) in Kansas. I received my undergraduate degree in accounting from Friends University in Wichita, KS. I did not pursue my CPA after graduation because it required a graduate degree. Instead, I accepted a job in the private sector and never went back towards the path of public accounting.

I will not expand upon what the proposed legislation does as the Society of CPAs has a succinct explanation, so I will conclude with these thoughts:

- 1) creating a new path reduces costs for future potential CPAs and benefits all Kansans
- 2) this does not dilute the quality of CPAs as you still have to pass a rigorous multi-part exam
- 3) keeps Kansas competitive with surrounding states and the trends we see on licensure requirements

Thank you for your time,

Representative Brian Bergkamp

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