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Public Company Accounting Oversight Board

Dear Accounting Oversight Board,

I am writing to support your proposal to promote the ethics and independence of public accounting firms that audit and review financial statements of U.S. public companies. I believe that the auditing profession must ensure that the auditor remains independent of his or her audit client. I believe that auditors compromise their independence when they sell tax shelters and other aggressive tax strategies to audit clients and when they provide tax services to the company officials who oversee the financial reporting process. I support PCAOB's efforts and the overall proposal.

Sincerely,

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