

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A recent opinion piece, "[Toss license laws that kill jobs](#)" (Sept. 16), argues the Arkansas Legislative Council should recommend scrapping burdensome occupational licensing laws as part of its forthcoming review. While unnecessary barriers to entry may exist for many occupations, I am concerned that the desire to lower barriers may inadvertently also lower standards for professions that carry high public impact. As a Certified Public Accountant for XX years, Arkansans depend on CPAs as trusted financial advisors to individuals, families, businesses, and public institutions. The state, and the nation, rely on CPAs expertise to protect the integrity of our financial system. CPAs rightly view our work as a sacred public trust that is best preserved through rigorous professional licensing requirements.

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