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The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) have helped found the [Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing \(ARPL\)](#) – a new coalition of advanced professions focused on educating policymakers and the public about the importance of rigorous professional licensing standards.

AICPA and NASBA will work with other ARPL members to inform lawmakers of the need to maintain standards for highly complex, technical professions like the CPA

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states.”

“When a CPA performs an audit of a business or government, the public must have confidence in its accuracy, thoroughness, and integrity,” explained NASBA CEO Ken Bishop. “The most effective way to maintain this confidence is to continue to have CPAs show rigorous education, examination, and experience for their licensing requirements. Broad-brush attempts to weaken or undermine licensing requirements threaten to sweep up advanced professions like certified public accounting, diminish public protection and jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the work our professionals do.”

You can learn more about ARPL and the importance of professional licensing by visiting the group's newly-launched website <http://www.responsiblelicensing.org>.

ARPL members include the American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) .

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