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efforts of the organizations involved a key indicator of the broad support for the recommendations outlined in the letter. "Stakeholders from across the profession are ...

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The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) has participated in a group of 10 stakeholder organizations to provide the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with recommendations as it prepares reports to Congress as mandated by the *Taxpayer First Act* (TFA). In the letter, the group notes that they are providing "collective input" as the IRS prepares these reports and "most importantly," recommend the IRS establish a new Practitioner Services Division as an integral part of the organizational modernization.

"The IRS...needs to adopt a visionary approach looking beyond immediate

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taxpayers."

The following organizations participated in providing the recommendations to the IRS:

- · alliantgroup, LP
- American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
- H&R Block
- · Latino Tax Professionals Association
- National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA)
- National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP)
- National Conference of CPA Practitioners (NCCPAP)
- National Society of Tax Professionals (NSTP)
- Padgett Business Services
- · Prosperity Now

"The IRS is clearly taking the requirements of the *Taxpayer First Act* seriously, and we appreciate this commitment," **said Robert Kerr, EA, National Association of Enrolled Agents Executive Vice President.** "NAEA is glad to join with the practitioner community to ensure the IRS provides improved tools for tax practitioners, better training for IRS personnel, and a renewed vision for service to taxpayers."

In their feedback, the tax practitioners highlighted key priorities in each of the three

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Virginia – echoes the sentiments of many of his colleagues, saying, "The IRS should create a new Practitioner Services Division to address the unique and more complicated needs of the tax preparer community. Additionally, the IRS and taxpayers would benefit from the creation of this division if practitioners are able to more efficiently resolve their clients' issues with the IRS."

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