August 27, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Office of the Majority Leader
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Office of the Democratic Leader
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Office of the Republican Leader
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Re: ENACTMENT OF SECTION 403 OF S. 4318 AND S. 3995 - THE REMOTE AND MOBILE WORKER RELIEF ACT OF 2020

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy:

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), the Council On State Taxation (COST) and the below listed employers and organizations of the Mobile Workforce Coalition strongly support the state tax certainty for employers and employees provision, Section 403 of S. 4318, American Workers, Families, and Employers Assistance Act, and S. 3995, the Remote and Mobile Worker Relief Act of 2020. We write to urge you to enact this important legislation during the 116th Congress as soon as possible by including it in any final COVID-19 relief package or FY2021 continuing resolution.

The Remote and Mobile Worker Relief Act provides tax filing relief for remote workers during the pandemic that will ease compliance burdens for traveling medical and support workers and their employers during a period of sustained economic hardship. The legislation also imposes a single, national standard for traveling employees liable for non-resident taxes and their employers who have corresponding withholding and reporting requirements. The legislation would streamline and simplify complicated state and local tax obligations while protecting employees and employers from penalties for conflicting or lack of guidance between the states. After over ten years of good faith negotiations with state government officials, the time has come for this legislation to become federal law -- not only to aid pandemic relief workers and economic recovery efforts during the pandemic, but to continue future economic and revenue growth for taxpayers and states alike.

Section 403 of S. 4318 and S. 3995 are a top priority for coalition members and will help all employers with remote and mobile employees who are either working remotely or travel temporarily for work in other states. It is not just a business bill – it also protects traveling emergency workers and first responders; trade union workers; non-profit staff; teachers; federal, state and local government employees; and many others. Any organization with employees who work remotely in other states, or cross state lines for temporary periods will benefit from this law.

On behalf of American workers, their employers, and the Mobile Workforce Coalition, we strongly support Section 403 of S. 4318 and S. 3995, and we respectfully urge you to enact this legislation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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cc: COST Board of Directors
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44. Illinois Chamber
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47. Indiana CPA Society
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50. Iowa Society of CPAs
51. Iowa Taxpayers Association
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54. Kentucky Society of CPAs
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56. Leggett & Platt, Inc.
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60. Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.
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65. Michigan Association of CPAs
66. Michigan Chamber of Commerce
67. Microsoft Corporation
68. Minnesota Society of CPAs
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71. Mobile Workforce Coalition
72. Montana Society of CPAs
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74. National Retail Federation
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78. New Jersey Society of CPAs
79. NH Society of CPAs
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SUPPORTERS OF THE ENACTMENT OF SECTION 403 OF S. 4318 AND S. 3995 - THE REMOTE AND MOBILE WORKER RELIEF ACT OF 2020

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