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Testimony of John E. Patterson, Executive Director  
Accountancy Board of Ohio  
Before the Senate General Government Budget Committee  
(Senator Tim Schaffer, Chairman)  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 4:00 PM, Statehouse, South Hearing Room

Chairman Schaffer and Members of the Committee:

I am John Patterson, and I am the Executive Director of the Accountancy Board of Ohio.

Our Board is totally funded by fees from our registrants and applicants. We do not spend money from the General Revenue Fund.

We provide educational assistance, that has increased over the last five (5) years, to complete the final 30 hours necessary to sit for the CPA Examination.

Our Board is a national leader in CPA mobility, making Ohio an attractive state to do business.

Our Board members are active nationally with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Our former board member, Ted Long, was the 2018 Chair of the NASBA and former board member, Michael Fritz, is the current Vice-Chair of NASBA.

We are very proud of a strong working relationship with the Ohio Society of CPAs.

The Accountancy Board provides high level services while having one of the lowest-average licensee fees of any state in the United States. We issue approximately 35,000 CPA permits and/or registrations and over 4,000 CPA firm registrations with a staff of 9 people.

In summary, the Accountancy Board does not spend any money from the General Revenue Fund.

We provide a high level of service with low fees. The Accountancy Board is not requesting an increase in funds. We respectfully request that our fee funded operations be approved at the levels recommended in the Executive Budget Request.