

**The Georgia Society of CPAs
CPA Day at the Gold Dome
Talking Points**

When talking to your legislator

1. Give them some background on yourself. Who are you? What type of business are you in? Where do you live in their district?
2. Provide your legislator with some background on your volunteer service with GSCPA. What has been your experience with GSCPA? What drew you to CPA Day?
3. Discuss the profession in Georgia with your legislator and give them some statistics on who we represent.
 - a. Georgia is home to over 21,000 licensed CPAs.
 - b. The Georgia Society of CPAs (GSCPA) is the premier professional organization for CPAs in the state of Georgia. With almost 14,000 members throughout the state, GSCPA achieves excellence by providing superior advocacy, leadership, service, lifelong learning and personal and professional development opportunities.
4. Offer yourself, and our member CPAs, as a resource to the legislature. There are many bills presented each year that have an impact on the business climate in Georgia and, more specifically, the profession (not just tax related bills). CPAs can offer the legislature unique insight into the potential impact a bill may have since CPAs work very closely with, and have intimate knowledge of, the community at large.
5. GSCPA is currently monitoring bills and discussions on tax reform. If the legislator or their staff mentions the possibility of sales tax on services (GSCPA is not aware of a push for it at this moment) explain that GSCPA would take a specific and formal position on any such proposal; but casually speaking we are opposed to a sales tax on services. You can also mention that GSCPA is very watchful of any legislation which would reform taxes in a major way, and reiterate the significant resources that you and GSCPA can provide should the legislator have a need; that we are committed to being a positive part of any discussion/process.
6. GSCPA is currently monitoring bills and discussions on the accountancy board. If the legislator or their staff asks about our position on Senate Bill 2 which adds a provisional license to all licensing board intake processes over previously licensed individuals. This provisional license would allow someone to have a temporary license if reinstating their individual license, or reciprocating their individual license to Georgia. Please explain that GSCPA has not taken a formal position on Senate Bill 2. However, GSCPA staff (Don Cook) can reach out to them to discuss further.
7. Discuss with the legislator the past importance of state conformity bill's which have been filed and passed each year. Thank them for passing legislation in the 2016 legislative session that mirrored the Feds permanency and two-year extensions. Because of Georgia's action on this, no conformity bill is needed for 2017. Thank you!

Offer them our contact information if they need additional information

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