

March 27, 2020

The Honorable Charlie Baker, Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Governor
Massachusetts State House, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker,

On behalf of the 11,000 members of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA) I wish to thank you for extending the April 15 filing deadline to July 15, 2020. There are countless opinions, judgments, and issues that deserve thoughtful consideration and action, especially during times of crisis, and I am grateful to you for agreeing that this extension carries significant impacts for taxpayers throughout Massachusetts. Your actions today give relief to thousands of practitioners, taxpayers, and constituents across our Commonwealth and acknowledge the tough predicament in which each of us finds ourselves during these uncertain times.

On any given day, our members are among the most trusted financial advisors, fiscally fluent thought leaders, and solutions-oriented folks across Massachusetts, and it is particularly true during times of economic duress and uncertainty.

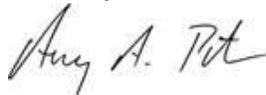
As you continue to lead us through these difficult days, please know that we stand ready to assist however possible. Our members welcome the opportunity to support any state-initiated relief programs, tax assistance programs, share best practices and information across industry, and provide general recovery guidance to taxpayers and businesses to assist them on their road to economic recovery.

These last few weeks have been chaotic in many ways, but it is in such times that communities come together, help each other, and come out stronger for it. Our community is no different.

Thank you for your steady leadership during these turbulent times. We look forward to working with you as we begin to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 to help rebuild our small businesses and economy across the Commonwealth.

Be well and stay healthy.

Sincerely,



Amy Pitter,
President & CEO

Cc: The Honorable Karyn Polito, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Michael J. Heffernan, Secretary, Executive Office of Administration & Finance
The Honorable Kevin Brown, Acting Commissioner, Department of Revenue