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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a certified public accountant, in practice since 1979, I appreciate the needs of small business owners, their investors, their creditors, their insurers, and their customers, for sound financial information about their organizations.

Currently, accounting standards have been driven by needs of large, complex, publicly held companies. These needs have very little in common with those of small businesses. The unbearable cost of providing GAAP financial statements has led to many small businesses avoiding ever having a formal financial statement prepared. Those who would benefit from such information instead rely on income tax returns, even though tax returns omit much of the information that would be beneficial to the readers.

I understand you are considering creation of a separate standard setting body for private companies, which would set generally accepted accounting principles that may differ from those for public companies, as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Private Company Financial Reporting.

I wish to encourage your adoption of these recommendations so that private companies can provide more relevant, useful, and cost effective financial statements for the users of those statements.

By creating a separate standard setting board for private companies, users of financial statements and accountants will be in a better position to encourage use of financial statements for financial information, and tax returns for tax purposes only.

Sincerely,

Adele Brady Bolson
Certified Public Accountant