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Representatives Haley Stevens (D-MI) and Victoria Spartz (R-IN). In a letter of support (attached) to Representatives Stevens and Spartz, the AICPA, Center for Audit ...

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The [American Institute of CPAs \(AICPA\)](#) says it strongly supports the *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act of 2021* because it establishes the accounting profession as a STEM career pathway and supports long-standing efforts to create more diversity in the future accounting workforce. The legislation is an important step in recognizing the clear and logical connection between accounting and technology.

The bipartisan *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act* was introduced earlier today by Representatives Haley Stevens (D-MI) and Victoria Spartz (R-IN). In a letter of

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It also reinforces our digital-first efforts to educate, upskill and reskill the profession so the public's, clients' and employer's needs are met," said Susan Coffey, CPA, CGMA, CEO of Public Accounting at the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. "The *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act* will promote more diversity, equity and inclusion in the profession, a goal that we strongly support and that is needed as the profession continues to assist our country's economic growth and protect its interests."

Accounting professionals' use of technology reflects their role as trusted advisors to businesses, non-profits and individuals. For many years they have been using and applying advanced technology such as artificial intelligence and technology-enabled techniques to perform highly sought-after services. As the profession continues to evolve its services in areas like cybersecurity, information integrity and systems controls and its use of emerging technologies and techniques, such as blockchain and data analytics, the integration of this knowledge with quantitative reasoning skills enhances accountants' ability to make informed decisions, solve complex problems and improve the delivery of services in the audit, finance and tax arenas.

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