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The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr. Chairman Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight Committee on Finance United States Senate 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Michael B. Enzi Ranking Member Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight Committee on Finance United States Senate 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: November 18, 2014 Hearing on Tax Relief After a Disaster: How Individuals, Small Businesses, and Communities Recover

Dear Chairman Casey and Ranking Member Enzi:

On behalf of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), I have been invited to testify at the Senate Committee on Finance Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight hearing on "Tax Relief After a Disaster: How Individuals, Small Businesses, and Communities Recover" on November 18, 2014.

The AICPA respectfully submits the enclosed written statement for the record. We appreciate the Subcommittee's efforts in examining the needs and challenges of taxpayers who are affected by unexpected natural disasters.

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