

Tax Resource Advisory Council Comments  
Indiana CPA Society  
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Good morning, Commissioner Gulley and members of the DOR team.

Each year, the Indiana CPA Society appreciates the opportunity to offer input at the Department of Revenue’s annual public hearing. Representing nearly 6,000 CPAs and accounting professionals across the state, our members are deeply invested in supporting efficient, effective, and fair tax administration for all Hoosiers.

My name is Philip Jackson. I’m a CPA with Cherry Bekaert LLP here in Indianapolis, a member and former chair of the Society’s Tax Resource Advisory Council, and a current member of the Commissioner’s Tax Advisory Council.

Commissioner Gulley, we want to extend our congratulations as you lead your first annual hearing in this new role. Many of us have worked with you over the years in your previous leadership positions, and we look forward to the continued benefit of your steady guidance and institutional knowledge.

We especially want to acknowledge the monumental effort that was Project NextDOR. Technology projects of that scale are rarely—if ever—simple, finished, or perfect. But the collaboration we experienced during its rollout led to a stronger outcome. We are proud to have played a role in helping shape a system that works better for both practitioners and taxpayers, and we believe our working relationship with your team made a meaningful difference.

As we look to the future, we remain fully committed to this kind of proactive, solutions-focused partnership. We know that continued modernization, evolving taxpayer expectations, and complex compliance environments will bring new challenges. But we also know that the work we've done together—building relationships grounded in transparency and mutual respect—positions us to meet those challenges head-on.

Our members continue to raise important feedback, particularly around ways to improve clarity, reduce administrative burdens, and streamline communications. We share these not as criticism, but as part of a shared mission to create the best possible experience for Indiana taxpayers and those who serve them. And we're confident that, under your leadership, we can keep making meaningful progress.

On behalf of the Indiana CPA Society, thank you for your continued partnership and for the department's dedication to serving Hoosiers with professionalism and integrity. We look forward to what we'll accomplish together in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

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