Advocacy Resources

Comment Letters

PA Senate

- **Please Support H.B. 1420 and H.B. 1421** – Email to Senate State Gov’t. Committee dated Oct. 24, 2017
- **Please Support H.B. 866** – Email to full Senate dated June 28, 2017
- **Please Support H.B. 866** – Email to Senate Finance Committee dated June 26, 2017
- **Support S.B. 1360 – Compliance with Federal Overtime Rules** – Email to full Senate dated March 8, 2017

PA House

- **Joint letter from PICPA and PA Chamber regarding Tax Appeals** – Dated Aug. 2, 2017
- **Please Support H.B. 1420 and H.B. 1421** – Email to full House dated June 13, 2017
- **Please Support H.B. 866** – Email to full House dated June 12, 2017
- **Please Support H.B. 1420 and H.B. 1421** – Email to House Finance Committee dated June 6, 2017
- **Please Support S.B. 1** – Email to House Leadership dated June 6, 2017
- **Letter to Freshman Legislators regarding Property Tax Reform** – Dated Jan. 17, 2017

PA Dept. of Revenue

- **Re: Department of Revenue Proposed Regulation "Withholding of Tax" (#15–459)** – Dated Nov. 27, 2017
- **Re: Comments on Draft Realty Transfer Tax Regulations** – Dated Nov. 14, 2017

PA Department of Community & Economic Development

- **Pennsylvania Film Production Tax Credit Comment Letter** – Dated Jan. 9, 2017

US Senate

- **Letter to PA Congressional Delegation Re: Tax Reform** – Dated Nov. 3, 2017

US House


IRS


AICPA

- **Re: AICPA/NASBA Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA)** – Dated Sept. 27, 2017
GASB

- **GASB Project 3–30 Certain Disclosures Related to Debt** – Dated Sept. 5, 2017
- **GASB Committee Response on Financial Reporting Model Improvements - Governmental Funds Project 3-25I** – Dated March 13, 2017

Testimony

- **Pa. House Finance Committee Testimony on DOR Schedule C Reviews** – Dated Dec. 12, 2017
- **Pa. Senate Transportation Committee Testimony – What is an Audit?** – Dated Feb. 8, 2017

Questions and Answers from the PA Department of Revenue

- **Full Transcript of Oct. 26, 2017 Annual Meeting**
- **Full Transcript of Aug. 24, 2017 Quarterly Meeting**
- **Full Transcript of May 18, 2017 Quarterly Meeting**
- **Search DOR questions by topic**

Events

Day on the Hill

PICPA’s Day on the Hill took place on June 7, 2017 with 89 members in attendance. Members attended 35 meetings with their respective state Representatives and 27 meetings with their Senators. Topics of discussion included H.B. 866 and a sales tax on professional services.

Speakers for the event included: Sen. Pat Browne, CPA (R-Lehigh), chair, Senate Appropriations Committee; Rep. Stan Saylor (R-York), chair, House Appropriations Committee; Matthew Knittel, director, Independent Fiscal Office; John Kaschak, CPA, DOR secretary, Taxation; Suzanne Leighton, CPA, deputy secretary for Compliance & Collections; David Braden, CPA, assistant director, Bureau of Individual Taxes; Sandra Shupp, CPA, assistant director, Pass Through Business Office; and Will Hartman, CPA, assistant to director, Bureau of Enforcement Planning, Analysis & Discovery.

AICPA Spring Council Meeting

The GR team took a 13-member delegation to AICPA’s biennial Spring Council Meeting on May 23, 2017 in Washington, D.C. Members and staff participated in meetings with Congressmen Robert Brady (D-Phila.), Brendan Boyle (D-Phila.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Middletown Twp.), Charlie Dent (R-Allentown), Lou Barletta (R-Hazleton), Mike Doyle (D-Pittsburgh), Patrick Meehan (R-Phila./Reading), and Ryan Costello (R-Phila./Reading), and with Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Pat Toomey (R-PA) to discuss IRS regulation of tax preparers, cash method limitation and mobile workforce.

Congressional Roundtables

PICPA convened a series of roundtables across the state to introduce federal leaders and their staff to member CPAs in their districts. Topics of discussion included: tax reform, IRS funding and capability, mobile workforce, the fiscal state of the nation resolution, and the Affordable Care Act.
Meetings were conducted with:

- Senator Casey (D-PA) – Feb. 24, 2017
- Senator Toomey (R-PA) – Aug. 7, 2017
- Congressman Marino (R-Williamsport) – Aug. 18, 2017
- Congressman Smucker (R-West Lampeter Twp.) – Oct. 6, 2017
- Congressman Meehan (R-Philadelphia/Reading) – Oct. 23, 2017

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**Educational Tools**

**Issue Briefs**

- Sales Tax on Services
- Act 32
- Combined Reporting
- Clarifying the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act
- Pennsylvania Pensions Reaching Crisis Levels
- Pennsylvania Budget

**Hot Sheet**

*The Legislative Hot Sheet* (last updated on April 10, 2017 for use during spring legislative visits)

Covers the following topics:

- Civil Justice Reform
- EIT
- Real ID
- Charitable Funds
- Fiscal Responsibility Task Force

**Online Resources**

**Podcasts**

- Regulatory Changes Set for Pennsylvania CPAs – Dated Sept. 28, 2017
- Changes at Pennsylvania DOR’s Board of Appeals – Dated Aug. 7, 2017
- An Inside Look at Providing Testimony to the Government Accounting Standards Board – July 31, 2017
- Local PA Tax Collection Still Needs Work – Dated July 17, 2017
- What’s New with the Sales and Use Tax in 2017 – Dated June 5, 2017

**Webinars**

- Legislative Update Webinar: Final Budget Wrap-up – Dated Dec. 21, 2017
- Schedule C Webinar with PA Department of Revenue – Dated Nov. 7, 2017
- Legislative Update Fall Session Webinar – Dated Sept. 20, 2017
- Legislative Update Webinar: Spring Update – Dated May 19, 2017
- Tax Amnesty Webinar with Department of Revenue – Dated May 12, 2017
- Understanding the Effect the Health Care Executive Order Has on Tax Filing – Dated March 2, 2017
Publications

**CPA Now Blog Pieces**

- **Tax Appeal Window Clarified, Don’t Be Fooled by Old Petition Deadlines** – Dated Dec. 18, 2017
- **Tax Reform Impact Varies Greatly** – Dated Dec. 1, 2017
- **Just the Facts on Tax Reform: But What is a “Fact”?** – Dated Nov. 20, 2017
- **Get Ready for the Tax Reform Debate!** – Dated Nov. 1, 2017
- **State Budget Blues Blog** – Dated Sept. 22, 2017
- **Is Tax Reform Still Possible This Year?** – Dated July 12, 2017
- **Pennsylvania Pension Reform, Budget, and More** – Dated June 26, 2017
- **PICPA Joins New Legal Reform Group** – Dated April 4, 2017
- **Pa. Budget Hearings Complete: What Did We Learn?** – Dated March 17, 2017
- **Pennsylvania 2017–2018 Budget Battle Begins** – Dated Feb. 9, 2017
- **The Show Must Go On: A Preview of the 2017–2018 Legislative Session** – Dated Jan. 9, 2017

**CPA Journal Articles**

- **One-Party Majority Not Immune to Legislative Challenges** – Spring, 2017
- **Budget News, PICPA’s Agenda and More from the State Capital** – Summer, 2017