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There are already CPA firms that are exempt and to become a CPA you generally have 2 years of financial audit experience. NO OR LITTLE TAX EXPERIENCE. Those CPA firms, I believe, can already use staff members to prepare tax returns without passing any tests. To expand this to Enrolled Agents would just make a bad situation worse! We have the best licensing requirements in the United States for the preparation of income tax returns. I know that many tax Licensed Tax Preparers and Licensed Tax Consultants are dying and retiring. The firms that hire licensed Tax Preparers should pay their preparers more to encourage them to enter our profession. I have been a Licensed Tax Consultant for 30 years. Please don't weaken our strong licensing requirements.