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I oppose not requiring enrolled agents to submit continuing education and take the state exam. I am a licensed tax consultant, and I worked hard to get here, and when I am ready, I will take the EA exam and continue renewing my LTC license with the required CEs. I am paid well as a seasonal employee and even going to move to an area that needs me more than my current hometown, this change will affect my ability to continue focusing on taxes because I will not have the amount of work that I do now. I will also have to deal with more mistakes being made on Oregon returns that would be prevented by requiring EAs to learn Oregon tax law and pass the state exam. It is hard enough to find someone that is not retired to work a seasonal job, don't make it impossible for the businesses to find returning tax preparers because they can hire anyone for less and make it hard on the people that have made this seasonal work a big part of their income for the year and want to return and continue to get paid well.