FASB Staff Position SOP 94-3-a and AAG HCO-a

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The Not-for-Profit Committee of the Illinois CPA Society (Committee) appreciates the opportunity to provide our perspective on the Exposure Draft of a Proposed FASB Staff Position (FSP), Omnibus Changes to Consolidation and Equity Method Guidance for Not-for-Profit Organizations. The organization and operating procedures of the Committee are reflected in the attached Appendix A to this letter. These recommendations and comments represent the position of the Illinois CPA Society rather than any members of the Committee or of the organizations with which the members are associated.

Our comments in response to the questions raised in the document are as follows:

Retrospective Application

Question 1 – In general, we support and agree with the objectives of the proposed FSP. We do not foresee any significant impediments to implementing the provisions of this FSP retrospectively as required by paragraph 19.

Simplification of Consolidation Guidance

Question 2 – We are not aware of any instances in which control through a majority ownership interest by other than ownership of a majority voting interests exists. In general, we do not believe this provision is widely used in practice.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments.

Sincerely,

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The Committee usually operates by assigning Subcommittees of its members to study and discuss fully exposure documents proposing additions to or revisions of accounting standards. The Subcommittee ordinarily develops a proposed response that is considered, discussed and voted on by the full Committee. Support by the full Committee then results in the issuance of a formal response, which at times, includes a minority viewpoint.

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