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**FY 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**FY 2024 PRIORITIES & PROSPECTUS**

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**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION COALITION: 101**

- **100+ Member Organizations**
- **50+ Industries & Professions**
- **132 bills in 46 states**

**Federal & State Advocacy**

**Legislative & Regulatory Analysis**

**Stakeholder Outreach**

**PCC 2022 - 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: IMPACT ACROSS THE BOARD**

- Defeated legislation that threatened to impede the certification community’s First Amendment rights.
- Delivered 96 amendment proposals via letter and testimony to improve state legislation impacting the entire certification community.
- Hosted PCC’s first in-person legislative action day and secured new cosponsors for bipartisan, PCC-drafted federal legislation.
- Partnered with on-the-ground state lobbyists to counter harmful legislation and built relationships with regulators and prominent stakeholders across the U.S. to raise the PCC’s policy profile.
- Communicated with the U.S. Copyright Office to clarify both the definition of “secure tests” and the process to administer remote examinations.
STATE ADVOCACY

**Occupational Licensing Reform**
Defending state recognition of credentialing in state license laws.

**State Credentialing Loopholes**
Promoting legislation that holds out-of-state applicants to equivalent standards.

**Threats to First Amendment Rights**
Ensuring legislation does not undermine membership associations and certification bodies' First Amendment rights.

**“Clean State”/Ex-Offender Legislation**
Supporting bills to balance work reentry and public health, safety and welfare.

**“Consumer Choice” Bills**
Opposing legislation likely to undermine the health, safety and welfare of American consumers.

FEDERAL ADVOCACY

**Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow’s Workforce Act: H.R. 1477 / S. 722**
This bipartisan, bicameral bill would expand qualified expenses under 529 savings plans to include postsecondary training and credentialing programs, such as licenses and private, nongovernmental certifications. The PCC has built significant support for the legislation and will steadfastly advocate for passage during FY2024.

CERTIFIED PCC TESTIMONIAL

"Our members invest heavily in professional education and credentials. As their professional organization, it is CAI’s duty to provide community association managers with the highest quality education programming, standards, and credentialing possible to support our industry and America’s 74 million homeowners. The Professional Certification Coalition is a valuable asset to help CAI manage state and federal policy issues and protect our credentialed members as they help protect consumers."

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