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- In the **Controls Group**, click the **Design Mode** button to deactivate it.
- In the **Protect Group**, click the **Restrict Editing** button (see illustration at right).
- The **Restrict Formatting and Editing Task Pane** will open.
- In **Section 2** of the Task Pane, click the **Allow only this type of editing in the document** checkbox (see illustration on next page).
  - The list box below the check box will become active.
  - Additional text will appear below that.
- Click the **Section 2** arrows (see illustration below left).

- Click **Filling in Forms**.
  - When protecting the entire document, it must be specified that it is protected for **Filling in Forms**.
  - This means the user will be able to enter content in the **Content Controls** and **Form Fields**.
- The **Start Enforcement** button in **Section 3** becomes active (see illustration above right).
Click the Yes, Start Enforcing Protection button.

The Start Enforcing Protection dialog box will open (see illustration below).

To keep others from turning off protection for the form, input a password in the Enter new password box.

To confirm the password, input the same password into the Reenter password to confirm.

Click the OK button to close the dialog box without making any changes.

UNPROTECT THE FORM

If changes need to be made to a form, it has to be unprotected. To do this:

Click the Developer Tab.

In the Protect Group, click the Restrict Editing button.

The Restrict Formatting and Editing Task Pane will display.

At the bottom of the Task Pane, click the Stop Protection link.

If a password was specified the Unprotect Document dialog box will appear.

Input the password into the dialog box (see illustration below)

Click OK.

Protection should be removed from the form.