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The Honorable Dereck Davis
House Office Building, Room 231
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Representative Davis and Senator Conway,

On behalf of the more than 33,000 members of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), I respectfully submit the following comments in support of Maryland House Bill No. 752 and Senate Bill No. 738, *Professional Engineers-Responsible Charge-Review and Approval of Engineering Documents*.

It is the policy of the National Society of Professional Engineers that all engineers who are in responsible charge of the practice of engineering, as defined in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Model Law and Rules, in a manner that potentially impacts the public health, safety and welfare, should be required by all state statutes to be licensed professional engineers.

As you know, Maryland House Bill 752 is scheduled to be the subject of a public hearing by the Economic Matters Committee on March 3rd and SB 738 by the Senate Education, Health and Environment Committee on March 18th. These hearings present an opportunity to ensure that Maryland state law removes any implication that Maryland city or local government employees are exempt from the licensing requirement if they are practicing engineering. All licensed professional engineers are required by law to meet rigorous education, examination and experience standards. In addition, all licensed professional engineers in Maryland must complete mandatory continuing education requirements in order to maintain their professional engineering license. Note that any licensed professional engineer in Maryland who violate the state's law and rules is subject to disciplinary action by the state engineering licensure board.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this comment. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this issue please feel free to contact Michael Zuhowski, P.E., President of the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers, at michael@zuhowski.com or Arielle Eiser, NSPE Senior Manager of Government Relations, at aeiser@nspe.org.

Sincerely,

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