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National Society of Professional Engineers 1420 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314-2794

Dear Friends,

As the only serving Senator who has worked as an engineer, I am proud to congratulate the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) on its 75th anniversary.

Engineers have always been the world's problem solvers. As we face some of our greatest economic challenges, we continue to look to the engineering community for leadership. Engineers will help us to build a clean energy economy, to stay competitive in a globalizing world, and to drive the real-world applications and economic benefits from our nation's health and science research to improve our quality of life.

NSPE's dedication to promoting the image and ethical practices of engineering is both admirable and essential. Since its founding in 1934, NSPE has supported education and training, licensure advocacy, and professional standards for engineers. I commend its members' immeasurable accomplishments and contributions to the health, safety, and welfare of our nation. I am confident that you will continue to foster the research and innovation that will lead America on a path to economic recovery and prosperity.

I thank the National Society of Professional Engineers for its 75 years of service to the engineering profession and to our nation as a whole. Best wishes for continued growth and success.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Kaufman United States Senator