January 22, 2020

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky 2 West Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

## Dear Chairman Pinsky:

As chairman of the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 12 Business Occupations and Professions - Professional Engineers - Experience.

The legislation removes the requirement that professional engineering applicants have experience in "responsible charge" and replaces it with the requirement that applicants have "progressive work experience." This change will address a conflict of law and remove a barrier to licensure by allowing engineers who follow the non-academic path to legally gain the experience they need to become licensed.

The Board for Professional Engineers respectfully requests a favorable report from the committee on Senate Bill 12.

Sincerely,

David G. Mongan

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Chairman