

Senator Brian J. Feldman; Chair Maryland State Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

February 18, 2025

Re: Senate Bill 529

Dear Senator Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and committee members,

For the record, I represent the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers "MDSPE" as it pertains to matters of legislation, licensing and regulations. We are pleased to be working with Senator Benjamin Brooks who has sponsored Senate Bill 529 which is being heard in the Education, Energy and Environment Committee.

In Maryland, there are (3) pathways to licensure as a Professional Engineer, (2) require an educational component and (1) is through an experience only path. The educational pathways require candidates to pass both the Fundamentals of Engineering as well as the Principles of Engineering examination. Currently the candidates seeking licensure through the experience only pathway are required to take the Principles of Engineering examination. The MDSPE, while continuing to support the experience pathway, wants to ensure that all candidates for licensure are required to pass both the Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles of Engineering examinations. This change will help protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by ensuring that all practicing engineers meet the same qualifications for licensure. Examinations and licensure is managed through the oversight of the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers.

On behalf of the MDSPE, I request your support of Senate Bill 529.

Sincerely,

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