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## American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio

November 15, 2022

The Honorable Theresa Gavarone Ohio Senate
1 Capital Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.
Columbus, OH 43215

## Dear Senator Gavarone:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio (ACEC Ohio), this letter represents support of Senate Bill 260 with an amendment clarifying that construction services does not include professional design services as registered under Ohio Revised Code section 4703 or 4733. The amendment language was worked out with interested parties in support of S.B. 260.

ACEC Ohio is the voice of Ohio's engineering industry, comprised of 150 companies representing over 8000 employees that provide a wide array of engineering and other professional services for all types of construction and environmental improvement projects. We feel very strongly that professional design services should be procured under the qualifications-based selection process outlined in Ohio law since 1987.

Thank you for your support of ACEC Ohio's position on qualifications-based selection and willingness to ensure that process is protected in S.B. 260. If you should have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at 614-487-8844.

Sincerely,

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President