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Dear Finance Committee Legislators,

As a surveying educator in the State of Ohio, I can say that most of the Civil Engineering students at Ohio University who are concurrently studying Surveying, are doing so due to the present requirements of the County Engineer position, even though most of these students will not become County Engineers.

If the requirement for surveyor licensure is removed, most of these students would no longer study surveying, further reducing the number of surveyors in the state. This would have knock-on effects to the surveying profession as fewer students in these surveying courses would force most universities to completely cancel their programs due to low enrollment and high costs. This would be catastrophic to the surveying profession, which is struggling to attract new students to create young professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

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