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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed removal of the requirement for county engineers to be licensed surveyors, as outlined in Ohio House Bill 33. I urge you to reconsider this provision, as it undermines the expertise, professionalism, and quality of work expected from county engineers in our state.

The current requirement that county engineers hold a surveyor's license is essential for several reasons. Firstly, it ensures that county engineers possess the necessary knowledge and skills in surveying to effectively fulfill their responsibilities. Surveying plays a crucial role in infrastructure development, land management, and public safety. By requiring county engineers to be licensed surveyors, we ensure that they have the expertise to accurately assess land boundaries, survey existing conditions, and make informed decisions in their engineering projects.

Moreover, the requirement for county engineers to be licensed surveyors promotes a higher level of accountability and professionalism. Holding a surveyor's license demonstrates a commitment to ethical standards, continuing education, and adherence to best practices in the field of surveying. This enhances the public's trust in county engineers and ensures that they operate with the utmost integrity, transparency, and competence.

Removing the requirement for county engineers to be licensed surveyors could have detrimental consequences for the quality of infrastructure projects in our state. Without the necessary surveying expertise, county engineers may lack the comprehensive understanding of land boundaries, topography, and site conditions required for effective project planning, design, and construction. This could result in inaccurate assessments, project delays, increased costs, and compromised public safety.

It is crucial to note that the requirement for county engineers to be licensed surveyors is not an arbitrary barrier, but rather a means of upholding professional standards and ensuring the well-being of our communities. By maintaining this requirement, we can uphold the integrity of the engineering profession, promote excellence in project execution, and safeguard the interests of Ohio residents.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed removal of the requirement for county engineers to be licensed surveyors in Ohio House Bill 33. I believe that retaining this requirement will contribute to the continued professionalism, accountability, and effectiveness of our county engineers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised and make the best decision in the best interests of our state and its residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Beck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "E" and "B".

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