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House Bill 203 Proponent Testimony
House State & Local Government Committee
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Dear Chairman Wiggam:

Please accept our most sincere thank you for accepting amendment AM 1406 to House Bill 203. With this amendment in place, the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers is fully supportive of the legislation.

Please extend our gratitude to the bill sponsor, Representative Jena Powell, for her willingness to work with OSPE on this matter. We appreciate her meeting with our members and her work to accommodate our concerns. Her effort to reduce government red tape for securing Ohio occupational licenses is noble. We are so glad that we were jointly able to come to this amendment resolution to protect Ohioans and still honor the spirit of the legislation.

This amendment requires the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, when issuing a professional engineer or surveyor registration under the bill's requirements, to require an applicant who has satisfactory work experience in another state to satisfy a minimum education requirement and pass an examination. (Currently under the bill, such an applicant is not required to satisfy minimum education requirements and is required to pass an examination only if Ohio applicants are required to take an examination.)

This "three-legged stool" of education, experience and examination is recognized nationwide under model law prescribed by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Having met the education and experience requirements, licensed engineers have established that they are appropriately trained to practice. Through the examination process, they have demonstrated that they can effectively perform the duties of their work and that they can safeguard the public in doing so.

Finally, thank you to the House State and Local Government Committee for taking the time and endeavoring to ensure that House Bill 203's nuances work for occupational licensees and Ohioans alike.

We are eager to continue working with you on future legislative matters that pertain to engineers and engineering work.

Sincerely,



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