

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Kristina Roegner Ohio Senate 1 Capital Square, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Roegner:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio (ACEC Ohio), this letter represents support of Senate Bill 23 with language clarifying that construction services does not include professional design services as registered under Ohio Revised Code section 4703 or 4733. The language was worked out with interested parties in support of S.B. 260 last General Assembly and included in the as introduced version of SB 23.

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. 23. If you should have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at 614-487-8844.

Sincerely,

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