TESTIMONY

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

FROM: Eric Stafford

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RE: **SB 24**

DATE: **January 29, 2015**

Chairman Ostmeyer and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear today. My name is Eric Stafford and I am here on behalf of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers to express our support for Senate Bill 24. KSPE is the professional organization representing licensed professional engineers across Kansas.

Last year, KSPE testified in support of Senate Bill 54 (later passed as SB 349) which provided a comprehensive update to the Board of Technical Professions' statutes. Thanks in large part to this committee, SB 54 passed last session. However, some concern arose last summer that the language included in SB 54 was too restrictive on who could prepare drawings, specifications and other submittals. Some felt the language in SB 54 allowed only architects to submit those items and that was never the intent of SB 54.

After representatives from all of the groups governed by the Board of Technical Professions met last summer, the amendments included in SB 24 were agreed to as an acceptable solution. KSPE fully supports the clean-up language included in SB 24 and we would respectfully ask for your support of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.