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TO: SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: RICK WORREL, PRESIDENT
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF KANSAS

RE: SB 24

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2015

Mister Chairman, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear today. My name is Rick Worrel, and I am here in my capacity as President of ACEC Kansas to speak in support of SB 24. ACEC Kansas is the trade association representing private consulting engineering businesses in Kansas.

ACEC Kansas previously supported SB 54 (which was later amended into SB 349), which updated and modernized the statutes governing the Kansas Board of Technical Professions. These updates were much needed, and have already made a positive impact since their adoption.

However, a well respected attorney in the design and construction field had several concerns with possible interpretations regarding a small piece of that new language. Specifically, some of the professions governed by these statutes might be limited in what they can design far beyond the intent of any of the parties involved.

All groups governed by the Board of Technical Professions met over the summer and fall and agreed to the language before you today to fix that potential, and unintended, situation. We fully support this effort, and would ask for your support of SB 24.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today.