To whom it may concern,

As a licensed engineer with OHM Advisors, I oppose HB 4913 & 4914 because they weaken educational rigor and firm oversight, jeopardizing Michigan's infrastructure and public safety.

In my role as our Director of Michigan Municipal Services, my team serves 80+ communities throughout Michigan; we want to ensure that the public health, safety and welfare remain protected well into the future by retaining educational requirements that align with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Model Law used by the majority of our peer states within the USA and that business decisions are made by licensed engineers in their leadership roles within their firms taking into account ethics and safety (required and governed by the licensing board) above profit.

Removing either of these requirements will signal that Michigan accepts lower education and oversight thresholds than the majority of other states, may jeopardize current licensed engineer's ability to practice across state lines or receive reciprocity in licensure, and will remove the one safeguard that aligned us with the 42 other states in the Union that either license firms or issue Certificates of Authorization to practice.

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