October 28, 2025

The Honorable Mike Hoadley, Chair
Committee on Economic Competitiveness
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: HB 4913

Dear Chair Hoadley and Honorable Members of the Committee on Economic Competitiveness:

I am writing to share my professional opinion on the proposed changes to engineering licensure, based on the contents of House Bill 4913. I'm fortunate to have represented my profession in many capacities in my career. I have served as the state president of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, I was honored as Michigan's Engineer of the Year, and I have represented my peers in West Michigan for the past 29 years on numerous boards and committees as the City Engineer for the City of Walker. I've also lectured on ethics and professional conduct. I believe that I have a good feel for the pulse of our profession.

I strongly oppose the downgrading of our professional licensure by potentially eliminating the educational requirements. The education is so critical in teaching us to solve problems. Both in the classroom and in life. Our young engineers are already entering the workforce without all the savvy they need to make critical technical decisions and to share those details in a universally understood language. I have witnessed a daily erosion in the professionalism of our next generation of engineers. Stripping away the basic requirements for licensure will only serve to accelerate that loss of dedication to our public heath, safety, and welfare.

As a past and present leader of the 1000 licensed professional engineers in the state of Michigan, I urge the Committee to reject this legislation, which would undermine educational standards, professional competence, and the safety of Michigan's infrastructure and communities.

Please consider me as a resource if you seek professional testimony or have questions that I can help you work through in your deliberation. I can be reached at 616-655-8528 or sconners@walker.city.

Sincerely,



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MSPE Past State President
MSPE Past Engineer of the Year

cc: The Honorable Matt Hall, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives
The Honorable Bill G. Schuette, Chair, House Rules Committee