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To the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 208, which seeks an exemption for university students with senior status from the current “four calendar months” requirement for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination.

I am encouraged by the effort of OSBEELS to benefit both students and the engineering industry by pursuing a means by which students can have additional and less stressful opportunities to take the FE exam during their college career. By allowing students to take the exam during a lower-stress part of a term (rather than the weeks prior to graduation when the Spring exam is given), they can focus more on their studies, more easily maintain a work/life balance, and attend to other issues at the conclusion of their senior year. Ultimately, I hope that this leads to an increase in the passing rate for students as well as additional academic success as students finish their college education.

Again, I would like to affirm Senate Bill 208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael R. Foster".

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