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May 4, 2015
 Emailed to Rep.PaulHolvey@state.or.us
 Attention: House Committee on Business and Labor

RE: Professional Engineers of Oregon Support Senate Bill 297

Dear Representative Paul Holvey, Chair and Committee Members:

We, the Professional Engineers of Oregon a chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers would like to thank you for meeting with us on February 17, 2015 and express our support for SB 297 as written when passed from the Senate to the House.

As industry experts that live in Oregon and serve our Oregon citizens we are most knowledgeable about the safety of Oregon citizens and the health and welfare of the public as related to engineering endeavors. There are over 12,000 Oregon licensed engineers, and over 5,000 licensed engineers live in Oregon.

In general we support provisions of the bill that increase or maintain educational requirements for licensure, and that require OSBEELS Board to make sure engineers are properly educated.

We oppose amendments that would significantly reduce the amount of experience a foreign engineer is required to have, up to and including a college education to practice engineering in Oregon. We believe 25 years should not be reduced as included in the bill.

We do not support making licensure for engineers easier for non-Oregon residents and foreign residences than it is for your constituents.

Please support the safety and welfare of our citizens by approving SB 297 without foreign amendments. Please contact us for any additional concerns, and we thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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