[date]

[client name and address]

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 626

Dear [client name]:

On behalf of [engineering firm name], I encourage you to support Assembly Bill 626, authored by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva (D–Fullerton) and related to the inappropriate application of Government Code 1090 to consultants.

[engineering firm name] has been a long-term partner of [public agency name]. We value the partnership we share as we both strive to deliver the best, safest and most cost-effective projects to the public.

There is an alarming contracting issue, however, when seeking to partner with local agencies across the state: Consultants are increasingly – and inappropriately – subjected to the terms of California Government Code Section 1090 by the Fair Political Practices Commission and precluded from participating in subsequent phases of work if they had any involvement in an earlier phase.

As you can imagine, the consequences are that your projects may not be developed with the most qualified professionals, thus depriving the public of the best and safest infrastructure possible, as well as potentially increasing project cost.

Attached you will find additional background on this disturbing issue, and the solution being proposed by Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva. You will also find a sample letter of support for AB 626.

Please review this information and let me know if we can consider your support of this important measure.

Sincerely,