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The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva

California State Assembly

State Capitol, Room 6012

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 626 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva:

On behalf of [public agency name], I wish to express my strong support for your Assembly Bill 626, related to Government Code 1090.

Public agencies such as ours are experiencing an alarming contracting issue when seeking to partner with private engineering and architectural firms on public work infrastructure projects.

When we contract with engineers, land surveyors, architects, and geologists, we are finding that these professionals are increasingly – and inappropriately – being subjected to the terms of California Government Code Section 1090 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. As a result, well-qualified firms are being precluded from participating in subsequent phases of work if they had any involvement in an earlier phase.

Engineers and architects conceive, design, and build our infrastructure projects and systems, including roads, buildings, airports, tunnels, dams, bridges, and water treatment systems. The public is at great risk if qualified firms are prohibited from working on certain phases of our projects.

Public agencies should be free to choose through a competitive process who the most qualified firm is to partner with them and deliver projects to their constituents. Thank you for your leadership in addressing this issue and working toward a solution.

Sincerely,