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Subject: ALERT-ACTION REQUIRED ON HB 1507 BY MONDAY

To all Branch leadership,

As you may or may not be aware, there is a bill that is currently being acted upon in the House of Representatives at our State Legislature, HB 1507, in which we need to take action. The Indiana Section Board of Directors asks you to forward on this important information to your local membership as soon as possible (today or early tomorrow morning).

To summarize, the Bill lowers the qualifications of the State Building Commissioner by removing the requirement that this individual is required to be a registered professional engineer or architect. A copy of the latest version is attached as referenced.

The Bill passed the Government and Regulatory Reform committee by a vote of 9-2 and second reading on the House floor (2nd reading included an amendment to add 5 years of management experience) which passed on Thursday 88-7, and will be eligible for 3rd reading on this upcoming Tuesday February 3rd (final vote in the House before it would go over to the Senate for action).

ASCE strongly opposes this Bill. ASCE's Policy Statement 416 encourages governments to employ registered design professionals where engineering knowledge is essential to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public. ACEC also strongly opposes this bill as well..."It is truly reckless for the state of Indiana to lower the level of qualification for its building commissioner, a position that requires the highest level of understanding in the realm of building design and safety. Engineers and architects are specially trained to understand the intricacies of structural design and life safety issues that distinguish them from other professions. If passed, HB 1507 would jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of Hoosiers." "The State Building Commissioner's oversight and focus of Plan Review is on Class 1 structures (i.e. libraries, university buildings and schools, hospitals, hotels, high rise buildings, etc), not personal family residences (Class 2). 1 & 2 Family Dwellings are not subject to State Plan Review."

The Indiana Section Board of Directors encourages each of our ASCE members to contact your State Representatives and Senators by MONDAY February 2, 2015. They can easily do this via the following link provided by the Society.

<http://cqrcentage.com/asce/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=77101>

Within this website, a draft 'message' has been developed for our members so they don't have to spend too much time drafting an email. We encourage each of our members to make the note as personal as they can.

Thank you for your attention to this important Bill and let's make our voice heard on this very important bill!

Sincerely,

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HOUSE BILL No. 1507

DIGEST OF HB 1507 (Updated January 29, 2015 12:32 pm - DI 92)

Citations Affected: IC 22-15.

Synopsis: State building commissioner. Requires the state building commissioner: (1) to have at least 10 years of experience in the building trades industry, at least five years of management experience, and a bachelor's degree in a construction related field; or (2) to have at least five years of industry experience, at least five years of management experience, and to be a registered or licensed architect or engineer or have a master's degree in a construction related field.

Effective: Upon passage.

VanNatter, Riecken, Lucas

January 20, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.
January 27, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 29, 2015, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1507

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-15-2-5.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.218-2014,
2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5.5. (a) The governor shall appoint a state
4 building commissioner. The state building commissioner shall serve:
5 (1) at the pleasure of the governor; and
6 (2) as a full-time employee of the office.
7 (b) The state building commissioner must: ~~be a registered or~~
8 ~~licensed design professional under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31, as appropriate;~~
9 ~~with~~
10 (1) **have** at least ten (10) years of experience in the building
11 trades industry, **have at least five (5) years of management**
12 **experience, and have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a**
13 **construction related field, such as:**
14 (A) **civil, electrical, mechanical, or structural engineering;**
15 (B) **architecture;**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform, to which was referred House Bill 1507, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 2, delete lines 35 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 37.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1507 as introduced.)

MAHAN

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 2.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1507 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 11, after "industry" insert "**have at least five (5) years of management experience,**".

Page 2, line 4, after "industry" insert "**have at least five (5) years of management experience,**".

(Reference is to HB 1507 as printed January 27, 2015.)

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