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**Testimony of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
In support of Senate Bill 54
Submitted to Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
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Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for this opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 54; a proposal to update the licensure statutes of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions. I am Ron Gaches, the executive director of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers supports passage of Senate Bill 54.

The current statutes of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions have not been thoroughly reviewed and updated for at least a couple of decades. Outdated and inconsistent language has created ambiguity and uncertain for those licensed by the Board and weakened the authority of the Board to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

The Board spent the past couple of years leading a thorough discussion of the current licensure statutes with representatives of all five professional societies representing licensees of the Board. I had the privilege of participating on the Task Force that had responsibility for recommending updates to the statutes. In the end, all five professional societies concurred in the changes that are reflected in Senate Bill 54. We urge your favorable action on the bill.

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers represents licensed Professional Engineers working in the public and private sectors throughout all geographic areas of the state.