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Mr. Greg Johnson, P.E., President
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Dear Greg,

As the AGS President, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to you for the very eloquent letter that you wrote to the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District dated January 23, 2006.

Your letter did more to bind the wounds of indifference between AGS and SAMSOG than any other act that I could imagine.

Also, the courtesy extended by the SAMSOG leadership to the AGS proctors as they monitored the recent Level II "Certified Design Professional" course and exam, at the annual SAMSOG Technical Seminar, was deeply humbling. Our proctors reported back that a feeling of mutual respect was exhibited by all attendees and AGS monitors.

I am told that some 120 surveyors have now attained the Level II Certified Design Professional status as a result of the seminar.

I find it gratifying that SAMSOG and AGS are now beginning to share some common ground values regarding the future direction of the surveying profession.

In further gratitude and in the spirit of continued support of the accomplishment of the new SAMSOG Level II Designers, I invite you to review the enclosed Senate Bill which AGS has introduced.

The bill will clarify the confusing language found in the limiting verbiage of O.C.G.A.43-15-2 (6)(D)and will undo the limiting and conflicting restrictions placed upon our profession by new local ordinances. I agree with the statement, in your letter, "If local jurisdictions adopt ordinances that restrict qualified surveyors from performing those functions which they are entitled to by law, it can have devastating consequences on them and on the public."

From your comments in your letter to the MNGWPD supporting the surveyors entitlement to lawfully design, I am hopeful that you will support the AGS Senate bill.

I am sure that the newly certified SAMSOG Level II designers would be thrilled by your decision to endorse the AGS senate bill.

Senator Seabaugh also suggested that you might wish to endorse the AGS bill after he reviewed the letter you wrote to MNGWPD.

In addition, as promised, AGS has added an education requirement to the bill which will amend O.C.G.A. 43-15-12 and O.C.G.A. 43-15-13.

The language is strikingly similar to that of H.B. 444, however it only pertains to the land surveying profession and it does allow for apprenticeship, as the Governor suggested.

Please review the Bill and, if you wish, make any recommendations prior to the committee hearings.

I look forward to an ever improving relationship between AGS and SAMSOG.

With Deepest Respect,

Terry M. Scarborough
AGS, President

cc. Governor Sonny Perdue
Senator Casey Cagle
Senator Mitch Seabaugh
Senator Ross Tolleson