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Mr. Thomas A. Grogan Jr., PE, SE
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Dear Mr. Grogan:

With the rapid advances in technology and the increasing complexity of the building codes, the practice of engineering requires a high level of knowledge and experience. This is especially true in the field of Structural Engineering where decisions that affect the safety and general welfare of the public are made daily. Structural Engineers are asked to design structures that will withstand everything from hurricanes and earthquakes to terrorist attacks, while being mindful of the latest technologies in materials and design and meeting the owner's expectations of budget and performance. The practice of Structural Engineering is sufficiently complex that inadequately qualified individuals run a significant risk of endangering the public.

The National Council of Structural Engineer's Associations (NCSEA) recommends each state adopt a Structural Engineering Practice Act to license and regulate the practice of Structural Engineering. By defining the requirements for practice as a Structural Engineer, and limiting the design of significant structures to those qualified, the States are addressing the need to provide for the safety and welfare of the public.

The Florida Structural Engineers Association (FSEA) has taken the first steps toward developing and enacting a Structural Engineering Practice Act in order to provide for the safety and well being of the public. NCSEA encourages and offers its support these efforts.

We look forward to Florida being the next state to join the growing number of states that have or will soon have a Structural Engineering Practice Act.

Sincerely,

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Chair, NCSEA Structural Licensure Committee