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The Honorable Anthony Cannella  
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**RE: SB 920 (Cannella) – Co-Sponsor**

Dear Senator Cannella:

As President and on behalf of the California Geotechnical Engineers Association (dba CalGeo), I write in support of your Senate Bill 920, which would eliminate the sunset on the permission for architectural, engineering, and land surveying firms to organize as limited liability partnerships (LLP) in California. Without this legislation, these professions' ability to form LLPs will expire on January 1, 2019.

LLPs are a hybrid of a corporation and a general partnership. They are attractive to the design professional community because they provide the flexible management structures, operation, and taxation. Like a general partnership, all partners have equal rights in the management of an LLP, and owners must be licensed professionals.

SB 920 extends a permission that has proven successful, and like with accountants and attorneys, the ability to organize as an LLP is simply one more tool that California businesses can employ that allows them to be nimble in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.

CalGeo represents over 70 geotechnical engineering firms and over 3,000 professionals who provide a wide variety of engineering, consulting and construction management services for all types of residential, public works, commercial and industrial projects.

Sincerely,

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President, CalGeo  
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