

May 8, 2008

Dr. W. Gene Corley
President
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Dear Dr. Corley:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies representing more than 5,500 firms nationwide and 50 state and regional organizations, I am writing to convey ACEC's official opposition to the NCEES "Bachelor's Plus 30" initiative. ACEC state member organizations, national committees and Board have considered the proposal in depth and find little support for it. Our Executive Committee passed a resolution that "ACEC respectfully opposes the Bachelor's Plus 30 proposal as not being the most effective approach to promoting engineering professionalism." We believe that the "Plus 30" would be better incorporated within the basic Bachelor's degree; that if the proposal were enacted in some states and not in others, there would be a serious comity problem; that the proposal would likely exacerbate the engineer shortage; and that it would not enhance the image of the profession.

We remain strong supporters of NCEES and its mission and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John F. Hennessy, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John F. Hennessy, III
Chairman
American Council of Engineering Companies