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Andrew Perry, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Perry,

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), in conjunction with the *Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board)*, has contracted with the *CSUS Institute for Social Research* to review the licensing of engineers in California. This review was mandated by the passage last year of Senate Bill 2030. This bill added Section 6704.1 to the Professional Engineers Act. A copy of this act has been provided for your review.

The current research of the engineering field will include education, job tasks, impact on public health and safety, and regulatory practice in other states. We are currently seeking your assistance as part of a small panel of professional engineers to assist us in evaluating educational requirements from the state's major engineering schools.

Your name was provided by the Board to DCA from a list of registered professionals who, around 1995, applied to serve as Technical Experts for the Board. We then selected you as part of a group of individuals whose licenses and experience offered the broadest coverage of engineering disciplines regulated by the state. You will receive identical packets of information on educational prerequisites and major requirements for engineering degrees in the regulated disciplines at between six and eleven California universities. These institutions collectively account for a majority of recent engineering graduates. We ask you as a **Technical Expert** to assess the similarity of courses on different campuses and in different engineering disciplines, using titles and course descriptions. The goal is to determine the degree of overlap in educational requirements between disciplines.

Thank you for volunteering your services for this task. You may reach me at 916-278-5963 or call ISR's Director, Carole Barnes, at 916-278-5138 with any questions. We are also available at the email addresses given below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Carrigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly large and prominent.

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