
June 5, 2024

To: Arizona Senators & Representatives

RE: Arizona Board of Technical Registration (BTR) Sunset Review

On behalf of the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors (WFPS), I am writing to express our strong support for the Arizona Board of Technical Registration (BTR) and to request its clean 8-year continuation. With less than 30 days remaining until the BTR's expiration, we urge you not to use the Board's continuation as leverage in political matters.

The BTR plays a vital role in safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the competence of Arizona's registered technical professionals. Professions such as Land Surveying, Engineering, Geology, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture are highly complex and technical fields. It is essential to recognize the critical distinction between ordinary occupations and technical professions, which are responsible for maintaining the integrity of our infrastructure, public spaces, and property rights. The infrastructure of our nation, including highways, buildings, bridges, and dams are all products designed by engineers and placed on the ground under the guidance of land surveyors. The complexity of engineering and land surveying requires a very high degree of technical knowledge and skill. Land surveyors make decisions and form opinions based upon interpretation of legal documents, field evidence, and the use of technically advanced instrumentation. A miscalculation of a property boundary or placement of a bridge or building at the wrong location can negatively affect the public catastrophically both physically and financially. Maintaining a Board of Technical Registration that has the authority to act to protect the public is absolutely paramount.

We implore you to acknowledge the significant contributions of this Board to public safety, consumer protection, and professional excellence. We respectfully ask you to vote in favor of the clean 8-year continuation of the Board of Technical Registration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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