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Dean Reddi,

As representative of the American Society of Civil Engineers -New Mexico Section (Southern Branch) I am submitting this letter in support of maintaining the higher education being provided through NMSU's Surveying Engineering (SE) Program.

This program as it stands today, prepares young adults to meet the requirements to become professional surveyors recognized by the New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors for professional surveying licensure.

Design and consultant engineers rely heavily on the skills and knowledge surveyors have to master, utilizing traditional and modern technology to establish accurate models and CAD files to represent existing condition of our project areas. A survey is the foundation of our work, and as anything else in life, a product can only be as good as the foundation it is built on.

It is difficult to understand why NMSU is proposing to cut the SE program, especially in a time when the Borderland is one of the fastest growing infrastructures not only in New Mexico but in the US and Mexico. Grooming an educated and qualified work force is crucial to attract and support investments in rail & road construction to create a sustainable transportation network capable to handle the anticipated cargo without destroying our environment.

In addition, to my knowledge the chances of employment after graduating from your and recognized four-year degree program are superior to any business or marketing degree, allowing your SE graduates to become established and productive members of our society.

I am hopeful that the value of the four-year degree SE Program has been conveyed and that NMSU will reconsider the decision to implement cuts to the program. An educated and qualified work force is essential to future development of this region. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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