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Dear Public Works Committee,

I strongly oppose the proposal to remove the requirement for being a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin for the Commissioner of Public Works. This existing requirement sets a level of competence that is absolutely necessary for someone whose role it is to fully understand and make decisions that affect not only the citizens of Milwaukee but those of businesses and visitors to this First Class city.

I have been a Licensed Professional Engineer since 2003 and must go through an annual process to renew my license. This sets standards on the base knowledge needed to either work as a practicing engineer or public official in charge of engineers. To become a licensed engineer an individual must have a 4 year degree and 4 years of experience working as an engineer and also be able to pass a thorough written examination on the practice of engineering. It is a benchmark of competence and knowledge.

There are many extremely competent engineers in Wisconsin working in public service in State Government, County Governments and agencies, and local governments. In Milwaukee County alone there are highly regarded engineers in County government, at MMSD, other local governments, and even at consulting firms with high level experience working with governments as well as at the City of Milwaukee. It will not be difficult to find extremely knowledgeable people within the state that would be willing and able to perform admirably in this position.

Please keep Milwaukee a First Class city by not watering down the qualifications for this position.

Thanks,
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