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TO: Legislative Committee, PLSO Board
FROM: Scott Freshwaters, PLSO Legislative Chair

The PLSO Board of Directors voted, on September 12, 2009, without dissent, to launch a grass roots campaign to oppose elimination of the existing semi-independent status of the State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying. This was recently proposed by Governor Kulongoski. The Board, if the Governor's proposal is approved by the legislature, will move our board into the Building Codes Division.

How the Board's responsibilities relate to the adoption and enforcement of Oregon Building Codes is unclear. In our view, the proposal makes no sense.

Several things are clear:

- It will cost surveyors more money,
- It will reduce the authority of the surveyors to thoughtfully and ethically regulate our profession, and
- The transition and move of the board will be disruptive to our membership and the public that requires surveying services.

Attached is a fact sheet setting forth several important reasons why this proposal should **not be approved the legislature**. It is rumored this will be up for consideration during the February 2010 special session (just 4 months from now.)

The purpose of this memo is to ask that you contact every legislator in your Chapter's geographic territory and urge them opposed the measure.

The best contact is made in person, next a phone call or a personal letter from a member who lives in the district or an email. After the contact please report back to me through the PLSO office.

I need the following information from you on each contact with a legislator.

1. Name, email address and phone number of our PLSO member who talked to the legislator. If a group meets with the legislator, assign a specific individual to be the contact person. We may want that individual to make a further contact during the legislative session.
2. Record what the legislator said when (s)he was asked to oppose the proposal.

Our office staff will consolidate this information and it will be most helpful for our lobby efforts.

Attached: (A) List of legislators in your Chapter. (B) Fact sheet with information on the effect of eliminating the Semi-Independent Status of our professional regulatory board.

Thank you for your help with this project. It is a very high priority of your Board of Directors. If you have any questions, please email me at scottfr@cmc.net or Fred VanNatta at fred@PRSale.com.