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Maryland State Senate
The Honorable Senator Joan Carter Conway
Chairwoman - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 678 – Maryland Geologists Act

Dear Chairwoman Conway,

The Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) is providing this letter of support for the enactment of the legislation to create the Maryland Geologists Act which creates the Maryland State Board of Geologists. The AEG supports the licensure of geologist's legislation as proposed in the Senate Bill 678. The AEG is a national organization of over 3,000 professional geologists. The AEG and its regional Sections, including the Baltimore-Washington-Harrisburg Section, were formed to support the professions of engineering geology and, with a later addition, environmental geology. Core values of the AEG include:

- *Upholding sound principles of scientific inquiry with respect to the study and evaluation of geologic processes, their impact on humans, and the human impact on Earth*
- *Building public appreciation for how environmental and engineering geology contribute to public safety and the protection of property*

➔ Engineering and Environmental Geologists are involved with issues concerning potable water resources, slope stability, subsidence, landslide/mass wasting potential, dam safety, earthquakes, flooding, erosion, and a myriad of other areas of professional geologic practice including activities related to hazardous and solid waste disposal, land development, contaminated soils and groundwater and their remediation, radioactive waste, etc. — all which directly impact the public's health, safety, and

welfare. The preceding areas of professional practice encompass a great deal of work that geologists perform in Maryland and the U.S., as a whole.

Therefore, in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare, it stands to reason that only competent and qualified geologists should be engaged in and be in responsible charge of the noted activities and areas of professional practice. To that end the AEG supports professional geologic registration-licensure and the Maryland geologic registration law.

In conclusion, the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists hereby endorses the enactment of the Maryland Geologists Act. Because many of our members, including myself, are licensed in and are familiar with other states that have licensure for Geologists, we understand the primary functions of regulation and examination that the Maryland State Board of Geologists will be charged with. This legislation is paramount for geologists practicing in Maryland in order to protect the public from unsafe practices by unqualified geologists.

Sincerely,

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March 6, 2008

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Re: SB678 Maryland Geologists Bill

Dear Mr. Mogilnicki:

I wanted to extend my personal appreciation for your support of SB678 and your willingness to testify before the Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

As you know I strongly support this initiative and will keep you updated of any progress or movement of the bill in committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B Glassman', written over a large, stylized, handwritten 'B'.

Barry Glassman
Senator
District 35

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