



# ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA SURVEYORS

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The Hon. Governor Perdue  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue,

As president of the Association of Georgia Surveyors, I must protest the recent action of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Enclosed herewith is a post to the SAMSOG website by Mr. Mark Chastain, a sitting state board member.

In the post, Mr. Chastain discusses the activities of a recent state board meeting. Noteworthy, is the fact that the state board moved that a letter would be sent in support of a letter by the Georgia Engineering Alliance, Inc. which provided that only professional engineers could perform stormwater management plans in all north Georgia counties.

AGS believes that it is a conflict of interest for the board to involve itself in any such influence of local government decision making processes, especially since the seven member board is comprised of five engineers and only two land surveyors. One of the surveyor members is also a P.E.

This unfair imbalance of board members seems to always result in land surveyor discrimination. Again, AGS strenuously protests and asks that the board not provide this letter of endorsement.

AGS has already begun our lobbying efforts for next year's legislative session in the wake of the veto of HB 444. We have high hopes of resolving the issues discussed above with legislation. If local governments slam the door on the possibility of continuing with our traditional practice prior to a legislative solution, then all could be lost.

It is for this reason that we ask that the state board not send their letter, and to refrain from any similar conflicts of interest in the future.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Scarborough  
President, AGS

Cc: Hon. Ross Tolleson, Senator  
Hon. Larry O'Neal, Representative  
Hon. Casey Cagle, Senator  
Hon. Willie Talton, Representative