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Megan and Jeff,

As you know at the last subcommittee hearing on the new regulations, the subcommittee invited me on behalf of ACEC/MN to propose language for the regulations relating to engineers hired by third parties interacting with a political subdivision as a part of the design process. Our goal is to allow engineers and other design professionals in the practice of their professions to interact with the required political subdivisions without having to register as a lobbyist. The subcommittee asked that our proposed language:

1. Incorporate our request that it apply to licensees and those working directly for licensees;  
and
2. Be consistent with the statute.

Based upon that request, here are our requested additions to the regulatory language. They would be used either/or since we think they are each a reasonable approach to accomplish the same thing:

**4511.1200 ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE AN ELECTED OR NONELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL.** An individual providing an elected or nonelected local official information, data, advice, opinions, variables, options or directions as professional licensee under Minnesota Statutes Section 326.02 through 326.15 or under the direct supervision of a licensee under Minnesota Statutes Section 326.02 through 326.15 shall not be considered attempting to influence that elected or nonelected local official.

or

Add the following sentence to the end of 4511.0100 Subp. 6:

“Providing an elected or nonelected local official information, data, advice, opinions, variables, options or directions as professional licensee under Minnesota Statutes Section 326.02 through 326.15 or under the direct supervision of a licensee under Minnesota Statutes Section 326.02 through 326.15 is not lobbying or an activity that directly supports lobbying.”

Please let me know what you think. If you and/or legal counsel want to discuss the proposals, we are more than willing to do that as well. Thank you for your continued work on this issue.

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