

February 15, 2012

Hon. David Alexander 107 War Memorial Building Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Rep. Alexander:

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee is a statewide organization of more than 100 engineering firms, employing almost 4,000 Tennesseans and contributing more than \$350 million annually to the state's economy.

The members of ACEC of Tennessee invite you to a reception on **Monday, March 5, 2012**, at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown (623 Union Street), beginning immediately after the session. Key representatives of our membership, and constituents of yours, are looking forward to seeing you at the reception. Please call or email me no later than Feb 29 to let me know if you will be able to attend (ctoler@tnec.org or 242.2486).

The next day, Tuesday, March 6, Professional Engineers from across Tennessee will be in Nashville as part of our annual Engineers' Day on the Hill. I hope that they will have the opportunity to visit with you that morning to discuss issues of concern to Professional Engineers in Tennessee. ACEC of Tennessee and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers jointly host this event.

Engineers all across the country will also be celebrating **Engineers' Week February 19-25, 2012**. E-Week is dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to our quality of life. It promotes recognition among parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy. The goal is to motivate youth to pursue engineering careers to provide a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce. Activities in Tennessee include math competitions for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders and career day presentations at middle and high schools, to name a few.

We look forward to working with you on legislative issues related to engineers and the practice of engineering. If you need technical assistance in carrying out your legislative responsibilities, please feel free to contact me to find out which engineer might be the best resource for you.

Whenever I may be of assistance, I hope you will contact me.

Sincerely,

Candy Toler, Executive Director

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This invitation has been submitted to the Tennessee Ethics Commission