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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

S.2383 Senator Marcellino/A5262 Assemblyman Englebright Licensure of Geologists

On behalf of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), representing more than 5000 geologists nationwide, we are pleased to write in support of proposed New York State legislation **S2382** and **A5262**, bills which will provide for the **professional licensure of geologists**. AIPG has a strong interest in such legislation as the Institute itself was founded thirty-eight years ago to certify the credentials of practicing geologists. Licensure of professionals should be reserved for those that truly serve to protect public health, welfare and safety. The science of geology is vital to the interests of the nation and in order to best protect the public, the science of geology should be practiced by qualified geoscientists. Licensure of geologists is a critical component of assuring the public.

AIPG is dedicated to the highest standards of personal integrity and professional conduct. AIPG promotes ethical conduct in the profession of geology and seeks to protect the public and the geological sciences from unprofessional practice. Ethical conduct is mandatory and violation of the AIPG Code of Ethics is grounds for disciplinary action by the Institute.

The Institute establishes qualifications for granting the title "Certified Professional Geologist". AIPG views state licensure as an important compliment to certification by the Institute since those geologists who hold this title have undergone additional peer review and have been deemed competent practitioners worthy of the public trust. Registration is desirable to strengthen oversight of practitioner qualifications.

AIPG urges that the proposed legislation receive favorable consideration and be enacted into law.

Respectfully submitted,

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