



Legislative Positions 2019-2020

The Mission of ACEC/NC is to represent the business of engineering through legislative advocacy and business services

Infrastructure

- Support the development of long-term funding programs for both transportation and non-transportation infrastructure.
- Repeal of the revised Transit legislation and strengthening STI.
- Support of a Transportation Bond Referendum (as/if proposed by the administration).
- Support the expenditure of "Build NC" bond proceeds for statewide transportation improvements.

Energy

- Support the development of a long-term sustainable energy program with appropriate funding that considers all energy sources.
- Support development of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in eastern NC to enhance energy security by delivering new supplies of natural gas.

Economic Development

- Support continued investment in public utilities (water, sewer and storm water) infrastructure.
- Oppose any mandate to specify PVC piping for water projects.
- Support Environmental Regulatory Reform measures that streamline NCDEQ permitting processes.
- Support continuing research into emerging contaminants and support technology developments that remove these contaminants.
- Protect the industry during Building Code Reform.
- Support development of new public recreation areas and upkeep of existing recreation areas.
- Support programs that enhance downtown redevelopment and streetscapes improvements through continued public/private investment strategies.

Professional

- Advance ACEC/NC sponsored Indemnification/Duty to Defend legislation.
- Support appointments of engineers to appropriate state boards and commissions.
- Support Workforce Development programs that enhance staffing in the design and construction industries.
- Oppose any taxing of professional services.
- Oppose the licensing of Interior Designers to avoid unauthorized modifications to architectural and engineering design documents.
- Oppose implementation of Job Order Contracting and oppose the use of Cooperative Purchasing Agreements that circumvent the use of design professionals in contract document development.
- Oppose non-licensed firms from practicing engineering and support giving increased regulatory authority to NCBELS.