



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
of Colorado

February 15, 2010

Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC/CO), I ask you to support SB10-116, the Public Contracting Jobs Preservation Act sponsored by Senator Mike Kopp and Representatives Joe Rice and Kevin Priola.

The design and construction industry is one of the central pillars of Colorado's economy. Current practices require prime contractors and sub-contractors, such as engineers, to pay upfront labor and materials costs for any additional work until a change order agreement can be reached which sometimes takes many months.

SB116 requires public entities and local governments to reimburse construction contractors for their costs for additionally directed work until a change order can be negotiated and signed. Delaying payment on requested changes affects the cash flow to prime construction firms, and in turn to sub-contractors and engineers during a project, making it difficult to keep workers employed.

ACEC/CO is a state-wide trade association for consulting engineers in private practice and we address the business interests of our members. Our membership is made up of about 230 consulting engineering firms that employ over 10,000 people. The Council represents all engineering disciplines in the built environment, for example: transportation, structural, mechanical and electrical, civil, water, and wastewater. Many of our members work for public agencies and are impacted by the change order payment process that this legislation will help rectify.

Please support Senate Bill 116. It's good for the Colorado Economy. If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-832-2200 or [mar@acec-co.org](mailto:mar@acec-co.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilen Reimer".

Marilen Reimer  
Executive Director