



NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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Thomas Fariello, R.A.  
Building Commissioner  
New York City Department of Buildings  
280 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Fariello,

As you are aware the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE) is a statewide organization keenly concerned with the lawful and ethical practice of engineering. A substantial percentage of our members practice within the confines of City of New York. Both you and Commissioner Chandler have been most gracious in participating in Society sponsored events in the City and maintaining a dialogue with us. We are most appreciative of all of your efforts.

Recently, a number of our downstate members, and their clients, have been concerned with the length of time it takes to get through the plan examination process. We recognize that the Department has made notable strides in recent years, including the hiring of additional staff, however significant delays are still regularly encountered by design professionals and clients. Several of our members have studied this issue from all sides. NYSSPE is prepared to offer a few suggestions to improve the plan examination process through, among other ideas, additional education and training, for the design professional community as well as the Department's plan examiners. The Society provides numerous continuing education programs to our members and would be interested in collaborating with the Department, in this effort.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet and discuss our concerns and recommendations with the goal of improving the timely approval of plan submittals, while assuring that public health, safety and welfare continues to serve as the guiding star. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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James Kuhn, P.E., President

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Joseph Pasaturo, P.E., President-Elect