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Dear Mr. Brezer,

On behalf of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), I would like to extend our thanks to the government for moving to address the issue of niche designers under the Ontario Building Code. This issue has been a great concern to our membership and we are pleased that action has been taken to address their concerns.

We would like to take this opportunity to also draw to your attention another group of niche designers, Building Envelope Practitioners. Building Envelope Practitioners primarily deal with the Wind, Water and Vapour Protection requirements specified in Part 5 of the Ontario Building Code. They also cover heat transfer, air leakage, condensation control and cladding requirements prescribed in Part 9. Currently they have to take Small Buildings and Large or Complex Buildings examinations. These exams cover all of Part 9 and Part 3 in addition to Part 5 of the Building Code.

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers would suggest that a similar approach be taken with the Building Envelope Practitioners as is being pursued for Electrical Engineers. A separate exam focusing on the areas detailed above would be far more appropriate.

We recognize that time is running short. OSPE would be happy to work with the Government in order to accommodate Building Envelope Practitioners. IF OSPE can be of assistance please contact Ryan Bailey, Manager of Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs at 416-223-9961, extension 226.

Yours truly,

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