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Subject: Approval and Support for the Name Change of the Department of Civil Engineering

To Whom It May Concern,

The College of Engineering at New Mexico State University (NMSU) is pleased to support the proposal to rename the "Department of Civil Engineering" to the "Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering." This name change reflects the department's growth and its alignment with the current graduate program as well as the evolving demands of the engineering profession.

The proposed name not only highlights the department's focus on environmental engineering specialization, it better represents its academic and research strengths. The change is expected to attract a broader and more diverse group of students as well as strengthen the department's profile and enhance its visibility. Peer institutions and stakeholders will recognize this step as a forward-looking move.

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the department faculty, department head, and the Dean of the College of Engineering. We are confident that this change will further elevate the department's contributions to NMSU's mission and reinforce its leadership in addressing global engineering challenges.

We strongly encourage the NMSU Faculty Senate to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D Jáuregui".

David Jáuregui, Ph.D., P.E.
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C M Newtonson".

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