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American Society of Civil Engineers
2019 President Elect Nominee

Subject: Endorsement of Kancheepuram N. Gunalan, ASCE 2019 President Elect

Dear Guna:

I have reviewed the election materials provided by the Nominees for the office of 2019 President Elect of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for a term commencing October 2019. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter declaring my endorsement of you as the 2019 President Elect of the ASCE. Your lifelong passion for civil engineering and your Vision for the profession and ASCE are key reasons why I endorse you as the 2019 President Elect. Your Vision Statement speaks about many of the key challenges that our profession faces today and in the future, many of which are related to broader social issues like ethical practices, competency, equality and diversity. Your Vision also highlights issues that ASCE and its members must address if ASCE is to remain relevant in the future. These issues include the financial sustainability of the organization, maintaining technical excellence and encouraging innovation. In front of all of these issues and challenges is the globally recognized ASCE "brand," which we must collectively continue to build and improve through strong leadership, political activities and technical excellence.

Civil engineers are the builders of civilizations who, in partnership with governments, private organizations and builders, are responsible for delivering and maintaining the critical infrastructure all societies rely upon for economic prosperity, public health and quality of life. I am excited about the Vision you bring to ASCE, and I am hopeful for your successful election as the 2019 President Elect of ASCE!

Sincerely,



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