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ACTION ALERT

**Architects don't be fooled.
SB 157 is a bad bill, bad for engineers and bad for architects.**

SB157 looks like it has nothing to do with architecture; it simply undermines an engineer's ability to specify the kind of pipes he or she may want. That has nothing to do with our buildings... or does it? As professionals who specify materials for the built environment, we know that we make those important decisions by factoring in many things; upfront cost, maintenance, long term costs, environmental impact, performance, among many other things. Do we want to have an industry, which is simply trying to get its product to be given more consideration than others because it has the cheapest upfront cost, to limit a professional's (any professional's) ability to specify the products we think are the most appropriate for the job, and the client?

AIAMI's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) thinks that all design professionals should have the ability to specify their products without our state government picking one winner over another, without context. SB 157 requires that particular products get extra consideration, which undermines the specifying professional's, and the client's, ability to select the right material for the job. That should give you pause.

The GAC has joined with our engineer and surveyor colleagues to oppose this bill. And we need your help to write to your senator expressing your opposition to SB 157. And we have learned that the Senate Republicans are likely to caucus on SB 157(S-3) and could vote on it as early as Tuesday, February 13th.

So it is important to contact your state Senator and register your opposition to SB 157 (S-3) immediately. If you are not sure of your Senator, please click here: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html> and you will be prompted to input your home address and contact information and a link to your state Senator will be provided.

Please know you do not have to write much. It just takes a few sentences to get the point across and will do more than any form letter. Please take a few minutes to call or send an email. Supporting materials/talking points are available below via the links to help formulate your message.

Additional information and talking points:

[AmericanCouncilEngineeringMIASSOC 664 Infographic re SB 157](#)

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