



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Pennsylvania*

November 5, 2025

Hon. Josh Shapiro  
Office of the Governor  
508 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Joe Pittman  
350 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Matt Bradford  
110 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro, Senate Leader Pittman, and House Leader Bradford,

Today marks the 125<sup>th</sup> day without a budget in place for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in Pennsylvania. While undoubtedly, disagreements regarding spending for education, human services, and other critical government services exist, the lack of compromise and passage of a general appropriations bill for the current year is having long-lasting impacts on Pennsylvania's economy and its residents.

ACEC/PA represents 135 member firms comprised of 11,000 employee members across Pennsylvania. As you are aware, those firms perform contracted consulting work for a variety of state agencies, including PennDOT, the Department of General Services (DGS), and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). While this contracted work requires consulting engineers to continue to perform vital services like road and bridge design, construction inspection, and environmental remediation, the lack of legislatively-approved funding for these agencies prohibits the Pennsylvania Treasury Department from approving payment to these firms. Despite the continued work by our member firms and general contractors to make necessary infrastructure improvements, they are no longer getting paid for this work. **As of November 3, 2025, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department has paused 1,613 outstanding invoices for transportation engineering work for a total of \$53.2 million.** Also paused are 350 payments due to contractors for a total of \$124.6 million.

This overdue logjam is holding up nearly \$200 million that is due to consultant and contractor firms, many of which are small businesses. These Pennsylvania businesses do not have the funds or borrowing capacity to absorb outstanding payment of this magnitude and continue to operate as normal. These businesses that are being short-changed employ hard-working Pennsylvanians, fix Pennsylvania's roads and bridges, and contribute to our thriving economy.

On behalf of the 135 member firms and affiliate businesses that belong to ACEC/PA, I am respectfully requesting that you re-consider your recalcitrance and return to Harrisburg to finalize a deal to complete this year's budget process and re-open our economy. Without your swift and bold leadership, businesses across the Commonwealth – including those in your respective districts – will continue to suffer, impacting hard-working Pennsylvanians.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,  
  
Brent Sailhamer  
Executive Director