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Education: BAsc. Electrical Engineering, University of Toronto
Certificate in Project Management, University of Toronto
Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment, Ryerson University
New Supervisors/Management Program, Toronto Transit Commission

Work Experience: Major Rail Projects Office, Ministry of Transportation
Engineering Construction & Expansion, Toronto Transit Commission
Project Development & Management/Rail Mobility, MMM Group Ltd.
Transportation Engineering, MMM Group Ltd.
Construction Management Services, MRC Corp.
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Candidate BIO:

I believe the engineering profession has and continues to play a vital role in ensuring both safe and innovative development, and can help towards an efficient and effective government. In this vane, it is absolutely critical to ensure the roles of engineers and surveyors within the government are respected and valued. Engineering analysis should be at the forefront in the government's evidence-based decision-making. With Ontario's current push to increase infrastructure investment, the engineer's role in the government is more critical than ever.

My professional experience spans a variety of private and public sectors, working for Contractors, Consultants, Municipal entities, and now the Province. I believe my diverse background makes me uniquely qualified to help further PEGO's position within Ontario. I know first-hand what the direct and indirect compensation benefits are within these different sectors, and I can definitively say that the benefits within OPS for engineers need to improve NOW. I can relate to each of you with specific examples of where our benefits lack compared to current industry standards in areas such as; lower mileage rates, health insurance reimbursement limitations, lower dental insurance benefits and higher deductibles all around – just to a name few!

My past experience over the last six years as a Construction/Owner's Engineer for progressively larger construction projects at the TTC have provided the opportunity to refine my diplomacy and negotiating skills with a variety of stakeholders. Improvements should start immediately with our indirect compensable benefits, and then broadly with greater but more efficient engineering oversight within the difference offices in the government –principally on infrastructure oversight. The years of discipline and dedication that it took to obtain a black-belt in Karate, have instilled the value of seeing things through to completion. I'd like to apply these skills and values as a volunteer member of PEGO and work to develop partnerships between the OPS and industry to improve our position within the various vital roles that we hold in government. It would be an absolute honour to represent each of you as a committee member within PEGO. Please take the time to vote for me and I will be sure to chop my way through the red-tape, and increase our value within the government. **A Vote for Me is a Vote for You!**

Cheers,
Allan Changoor, P. Eng