

## State News for NSPE Members

### NTSB Report and NSPE's Action on this Issue

Recently, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) sent letters to the governors of 31 states named in its final report on the Merrimack Valley gas pipeline explosions, including Montana. The letter requests an end to the engineering license exemption for gas pipeline operators in these states, and asks for governors to provide an update to the NTSB with in 90 days.

When the NTSB began its investigation of the Merrimack Valley gas pipeline explosions, investigative staff reached out to NSPE seeking information about licensing exemptions. Through a series of conversations and emails, NSPE shared report data, information on the licensing process and requirements, and its Position Statement on licensing exemptions. Consequently, NSPE was successful in getting the NTSB to adopt a policy of addressing and eliminating engineering license exemptions within the gas pipeline industry.

NSPE's national staff continues to be in conversation with NTSB staff, and will continue to share updates as they happen. We are happy to support state efforts at eliminating this exemption.

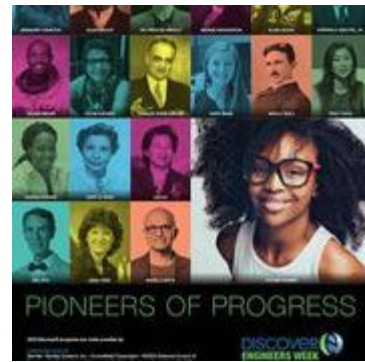
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Nomination packages must be submitted to the NSPE Secretary, Mark Golden, and received by **January 13, 2020**. The NSPE Secretary will forward all qualified submissions to the NSPE Candidate Screening Committee for consideration. Please review carefully the information that includes candidate qualifications, expected time and financial commitments for officers, and the requirements of the nomination process.

If you have any questions, please [email the NSPE Executive Office](#). We look forward to your assistance in identifying outstanding, qualified leaders!

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