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Letter of Endorsement for Roger Failmezger and In-Situ Soil, L.C.

I've known Roger Failmezger for more than 20 years. I first learned of Roger when I was a graduate student at the University of Florida in the late 1990's. Roger had graduated about 15 years before me and was a legend of sorts having recently purchased the original "Old Dodge" UF CPT truck to start a business conducting Dilatometer Tests in Virginia.

The first time Roger and I met was at ISC'2 1998 in Atlanta Georgia. Not long after the conference Frank Townsend has passed along one of Roger's resource CDs to me. This was before everyone had access to the internet, so I made copies and distributed them to my professional colleagues who were interested in in-situ tests, in particular CPT and DMT. Getting that CD was like being invited to a secret society, at the time!

After graduate school I took my first faculty job at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Roger scheduled me as a presenter at a meeting of the Virginia GeoInstitute Chapter in 2005. This led to our collaboration for 2006 Conference on the Flat Dilatometer in Washington DC.

Over the years, I've often been asked to perform pressuremeter or dilatometer tests for complex projects. I immediately defer to Roger. He has a combination of knowledge, equipment, and expertise that no other service provider in the United States has with in-situ tests.

Roger is an exceptional engineer. He truly believes we can always do better – and should do better. He provides high quality subsurface investigation and in-situ test data to clients that often justifies less conservative foundation selection (and significant cost savings). Roger has the equipment and expertise to conduct tests in almost any location from inside a building to the seafloor. At the same time, Roger is passionate about giving back to the profession. He is dynamo behind the Virginia Chapter of the GeoInstitute and supports the GeoVirginia Conference. He routinely speaks at Geotechnical Events and publishes position papers on the role of in-situ tests in controlling risk.

I have always valued Roger's friendship and willingness to provide advice. He is an asset to the Geo-Profession!

Sincerely,

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