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# Press Kit: Minnesota board of engineering licensing censures reformer

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Charles Marohn, retired engineer and founder of the Strong Towns Movement  
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**Access documents related to the Minnesota board of engineering licensing's action against Marohn [here](#).**

**Read a statement from Andrew Burleson, chair of the Strong Towns Board of Directors, [here](#).**

The growing influence of the [Strong Towns](#) movement, which Marohn founded, has inspired community members from across the United States and Canada to take up the call for reform.

Marohn and Strong Towns have inspired people to [halt highway expansion projects](#) that generate windfall profits for the engineers who design them. People are [demanding streets that prioritize safety](#) over the engineering values of speed and volume. [They're challenging the faulty projections](#) engineers use to justify projects that suck wealth from communities in the name of "growth."

Marohn is author of "[Strong Towns: The Bottom-Up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity](#)," and "[Confessions of a Recovering Engineer: Transportation for a Strong Town](#)." Both texts, which topped bestseller lists in their genre, call the engineering profession into question for producing cities that are financially insolvent and transportation systems that are wasteful and deadly for the people who use them.

## BOARD DOES NOT CENSURE FRAUDS, EMBEZZLERS, CORRUPT ENGINEERS

- **Greg Kimman** (*License #45042*) worked for a private firm for 12 years before taking a position with the city of Little Falls. He then directed \$1.4 million dollars' worth of public work to his former firm, where he was still a shareholder, without disclosing that financial interest to his employer or the public. The board did not censure Kimman. ([Official Documents](#))
- **Nicolas Hoffman** (*License #56276*) applied for licensure in Minnesota and was designated a Professional Engineer in 2018, transferring his license from South Dakota. However, Hoffman failed to inform the licensing board that he had been convicted of a felony ([embezzlement of a youth sports club](#)) in South Dakota and had his license revoked there based on a finding of fraud, deception and illegal conduct involving moral turpitude. The board did not censure Hoffman. ([Official Documents](#))
- **Mark Deady** (*License #21375*) went unlicensed for a decade while overseeing and performing work requiring an engineering license. The board found that Deady "engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and deceit" and that his conduct "adversely reflects the respondent's fitness to practice," but did not censure him. ([Official Documents](#))

## KEY QUOTES

"People deserve an engineering profession committed to the health, safety and prosperity of all; unafraid to look in the mirror and find room for improvement. Instead the Minnesota licensing board has shown itself to be afraid of critique, and desperate to silence it." —*Andrew Burleson, chair of the Strong Towns Board of Directors*

"Any action against Marohn is an attack on a licensee for speaking out, which in my opinion does the opposite of protecting the health and safety of the public. I will be made to feel as though I am being silenced, unable to speak freely about matters of public policy." —*Lindsey Meek, professional engineer in Minnesota*

"There is a growing movement of licensed professionals who are ready to reform how engineering is practiced in their cities, counties and states. They should be able to serve

their communities without fear of retaliation. That's why this censure must be overturned." —*Charles Marohn, retired engineer and founder of the Strong Towns movement*