

January 30, 2023

SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

Dear House Committee Members,

Landscape architecture has been formally recognized as a licensed profession in the United States since the 1950s and in North Dakota since 2007. Since then, there have been over 170 landscape architects who have applied and become licensed to practice within North Dakota.

Landscape architecture is regulated by the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Becoming licensed requires an accredited university degree in landscape architecture and completion of a period of supervised practice – in North Dakota we're required to work under a licensed landscape architect for 3 years. All states require passage of the extensive four-part national licensing examination.

The fundamental practice of landscape architecture includes keeping the public safe from hazards, protecting natural resources, and sustainably managing the natural and built environment surrounding our homes and communities. The public interest is best served when qualified professionals carry out these responsibilities.

Because of the breadth and scope in which our profession is able to practice and the growth of newly licensed professional landscape architects in our State, it is an opportune time to add qualified Landscape Architects to the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Sincerely,



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