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North Dakota House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
North Dakota Legislative Council
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Committee Chair Representative Louser and Members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee,

On behalf of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), we are writing in support of HB 1465 sponsored by Representative Longmuir, which proposes adding landscape architect board members to the North Dakota State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. The revised Board would have two architect members, two landscape architect members, and one layperson.

The practice of landscape architecture includes keeping the public safe from hazards, protecting natural resources, and sustainably managing the natural and built environments surrounding our homes and communities. It requires a breadth of knowledge and training in many substantive areas of science, engineering, and aesthetics. As a result, landscape architecture is a licensed design profession across U.S. jurisdictions.

The public interest is best served when qualified, licensed professionals regulate technical professions by serving on licensing boards in accordance with rigorous and professional standards. At stake are hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of infrastructure and site improvements every year, and the safety of persons and property these improvements affect.

Adding landscape architect members to the Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture will allow landscape architects to use their knowledge and expertise of the profession to ensure protection of North Dakota's citizens and environments. While incidental practice overlap does exist between architects and landscape architects, both are their own unique professions and need their respective inputs on the Board.

CLARB works to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare by establishing and promoting professional licensure standards for landscape architecture. Our members are the licensure boards across the United States and Canada.

We applaud the Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture for taking the step to add the voice of landscape architecture to the Board's membership and continuing to keep the protection of the citizens and environments of utmost importance.

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At this we urge you to support HB 1465 with no changes or amendments. We thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Zach Druga, CLARB's Manager Government Affairs and Advocacy (Zdruga@clarb.org).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Miller', is positioned above the typed name.

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