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SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

Dear House Committee Members,

Good Morning, my name is Jake Axtman and I am here to speak in support of House Bill 1465. I am a North Dakota native and graduate of North Dakota State University. I have been practicing Landscape Architecture in our great state for over 18 years. Additionally, I have spent 10 of those 18 years acting as a principal of a Landscape Architecture firm. I am currently one of three partners at AGL Landscape Architects with offices in Bismarck and Fargo.

Landscape Architecture is a craft that requires years of training and a very specialized skill-set. To call yourself a Landscape Architect means that you have dedicated many years of your life to education, training, and hands-on experience. It is most appropriate that a board representing the interests of Landscape Architects in North Dakota include seats held by Landscape Architects.

I would ask for your support of House Bill 1465. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Sincerely, AGL Landscape Architects, P.C. Jake Axtman, PLA

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