



March 13, 2023

The Honorable Doug Larsen, Chairman
Senate Industry and Business Committee
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman Larsen and Committee Members,

On behalf of the American Society of Landscape Architects, I write in support of House Bill 1465, which strengthens the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. We urge you to vote yes on Representative Longmuir's proposed amendment and pass HB 1465.

Founded in 1899, ASLA is the professional association for landscape architects in the United States, representing more than 15,000 members, with chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, landscape architects design multimodal transportation systems, nature-based stormwater management systems, parks, living shorelines, walkable neighborhoods, and community masterplans.

ASLA supports the proposed amendment to House Bill 1465, which would modify the total number of State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture seats from three to five. Three seats would be designated for architects, one for a landscape architect, and one for a member of the general public. These changes would align North Dakota with national best practices and would improve the board in several ways. First, it would provide landscape architecture subject matter expertise that's needed to adequately set standards for landscape architecture practice requirements, review landscape architect licensure applications, and help investigate complaints. Secondly, increasing and diversifying the board's subject matter expertise will make the board more adept at regulating and overseeing the professions, including answering questions that relate to practice overlap between the two professions.

Once again, I ask that you vote yes on Representative Longmuir's proposed amendment and pass HB 1465 in order to strengthen the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Passing this bill will align North Dakota with national best practices,

thereby ensuring that the unique perspectives of both professions and the public are represented.



Sincerely,

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