



January 31, 2023

Re: Support for House Bill No. 1465

Honorable Committee Members,

As a landscape architect in North Dakota, I strongly urge you to support HB 1465 to strengthen the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, which is scheduled for a hearing in the Industry, Business and Labor Committee on Tuesday, January 31st.

Specifically, this legislation would modify the total number of board seats from three to five. It designates two seats for architects, two for landscape architects, and one for a member of the general public. These changes would increase and diversify the board's subject matter expertise. As a result, the board would become more adept at regulating and overseeing the profession, including answering questions that relate both to landscape architecture and to practice overlap between the two professions.

Landscape architects steward the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Dakota. The professional practice includes the design of multimodal transportation systems, parks and outdoor recreation spaces, nature-based infrastructure projects, and projects that help communities both prepare for and recover from natural disasters. This ethic of health and safety is part of the proud legacy of landscape architecture in the state of North Dakota.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support HB 1465.

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