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The Hon. Gayle S. Slossberg, 14th Senate District – Co-Chair
The Hon. James F. Spallone, 36th Assembly District – Co-Chair March 15, 2009
Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: **HB 6375 AAC Review and Termination of Certain Boards and Commissions**

Dear Senator Slossberg, Representative Spallone and Committee Members:

I write today in opposition to certain provisions of the above referenced legislation. Section 1, subsections 54, 60 and 62 will eliminate (sunset) the Architectural Licensing Board, the State Board of Landscape Architects and State Board of Examiners for Professional engineers and Land Surveyors, effective this October. The legislation purports to “eliminate unnecessary and obsolete boards and commissions.”

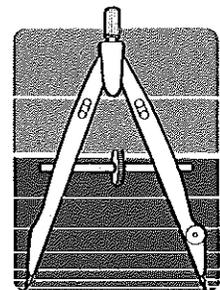
As a volunteer member of Connecticut’s Architectural Licensing Board (ALB), I find the statement of purpose particularly onerous. The ALB and the other professional licensing boards provide our experience and expertise to the staff of the Department of Consumer Protection. As required by the licensing law, these boards handle matters such as eligibility for architectural licensing examinations, examination of applicants for a license, appeals of examination grades, reciprocal licensing and professional ethics and conduct.

Along with our predecessors, we have performed these functions for more than half a century without cost to the taxpayers. Previous sunset reviews have found our efforts to be both necessary and essential to the health, safety and welfare of the public which we serve. I urge you to amend the proposed legislation to allow these licensing boards to continue their service to the taxpayers of Connecticut for the foreseeable future.

Thank you,



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