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Co-Chairs Thomas A. Colapietro and Jim Shapiro
General Law Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Public Hearing Comments regarding
Raised Bill No. 1002, An Act Concerning The Department of Consumer Protection

Dear Committee Members,

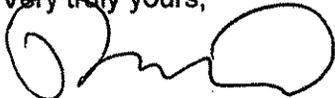
Good afternoon, my name is Robert Dahn, I am a Licensed Land Surveyor in the State of Connecticut. I am a Past President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors (CALs) and currently chair the Association's Legislative Committee. I also currently serve as the Area One Director on the Board of Directors of the National Society of Professional Land Surveyors (NSPS).

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding RB 1002, An Act Concerning the Department of Consumer Protection. Let me begin by stating that CALs supports the bill's Statement of Purpose, to allow landscape architects to form professional practices with architects, professional engineers and land surveyors, contained in the bill. CALs believes the simple inclusion of landscape architects in Section 20-306b of the general statutes to be appropriate.

CALs is however opposed to a proposed deletion from the existing statute contained in RB 1002. On lines 10-12 of the Raised Bill the following language is bracketed for deletion, "and the members of each profession forming the corporation or limited liability company together own at least twenty per cent of the voting stock of the corporation or at least twenty per cent of the voting interests of the limited liability company. It is CALs recollection this language was included in the existing statute in 1992 as a way to ensure the public safety and welfare of citizens relying on these corporations and companies for these various services. We also believe an examination of the records from that time will reveal that each of the professions affected by the statute at the time, including the land surveyors, recognized the importance of protecting the public's safety and welfare and each spoke in favor of the inclusion of this language.

For this reason CALs urges the General Law Committee to amend RB 1002 to leave the subject language in place in the existing statute. If amended accordingly, CALs will then support passage of RB 1002.

Very truly yours,



Robert Dahn, Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors