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Senator Paul R. Doyle

Co-Chairmen General Law Committee,

Representative Joseph J. Taborsak

Co-Chairmen Joint Committee on Environment

**SUBJECT: R.B. No. 269 AN ACT STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND REQUIRING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.**

Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak and members of the General Law Committee;

I am Kevin DaRos, a Stafford resident and a Licensed Land Surveyor for 28 years. I am currently serving as President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors. CALS is the largest professional surveyors organization and represents a majority of the Licensed Land Surveyors in Connecticut. CALS was formed in 1967 and has promoted our profession through charity, educational programs and interaction with other professions and other state's surveying organizations. We have a website at <http://www.ctsurveyors.org>

On behalf of CALS, I am speaking in opposition to the continuing professional education provisions of R.B. 269 as presented. Although CALS recognizes the potential benefits both to the general public and professional surveying that are realized through continuing education, we do not believe there is sufficient detail in this legislation to determine if those benefits would be realized through its implementation.

CALS already has a well established policy for voluntary Continuing Education. We have an Education Committee which formulates and conducts seminars which offer specialized training appropriate to our profession. We are affiliated with the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS) who have an educational board to review and authorize our seminars so that we can grant CEU's. Because we are a member of the Northeast Surveying Societies (NESS), our CEU's are then also recognized by the other states. Our members are also eligible to attend other states to obtain CEU credits. CALS is responsible for the entire package, including obtaining presenters, qualifying topics, booking venues, collecting fees and distributing certificates.

At this time we feel as though our current program is adequate and on a par with programs offered in other states.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or want more information concerning this important issue for Professional Land Surveyors, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin L. DaRos