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Senator Edward Meyer, Chair  
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RE: Raised Bill No. 6538  
An Act Concerning Arborists and Tree Wardens.

Dear Senator Meyer and Representative Gentile:

I am a licensed arborist and I am writing you about Raised Bill 6538.

As you know Sec. 2 of this Act would require any person engaged in the “arborist business,” that is “arboriculture” (as defined at CGS §23-61a) for hire to register as an arborist business and pay certain fees; and Sec. 4 of this act would require a registered arborist business to maintain and submit certain records.

You should be aware that some licensed arborists (also as defined at §23-61a) are engaged solely in “arboricultural consulting” (defined for information following) or practice solely as “consulting arborists” and do not engage in either

- a) the work of pruning, trimming, cabling, bracing, fertilization, treating cavities or other activities listed under arboriculture at §23-61a, or
- b) spraying or pesticide application,

which activities are the focus of the requirements of Sec. 2 of this Act.

While “arboriculture” as defined at §23-61a does not appear to include “arboricultural consulting” or practice as a “consulting arborist,” “arborist business” could easily be confused with “consulting arborist.”

I respectfully request that language be included in Section 1(1) of the Act to exempt or exclude from “arborist business” any person solely engaged in “arboricultural consulting” or practice as a “consulting arborist.”

For your information “arboricultural consulting” is defined by the American Society of Consulting Arborists as:

“The profession which involves the application of technical knowledge, analytical skills and professional judgment to arboricultural-related facts and circumstances.”

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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