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Senator Paul R. Doyle
Co-Chairmen General Law Committee,
Representative David A. Baram
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**SUBJECT: R.B. No. 923 AN ACT CONCERNING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND
REQUIRING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.**

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

Thank you for taking the time to consider the following.

My name is Robert Dahn, I am a professional surveyor and a partner in a land surveying and civil engineering firm in Manchester, CT. I am a Past President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors (CALS) and continue to serve as the chair of the CALS Legislative Committee. I also currently serve as the President of the National Society of Professional Surveyors.

I am writing to express opposition to the continuing professional education provisions of R.B. 923 as presented. Although I am a proponent of professional development and recognize the potential benefits both to the general public and professional surveying that could be realized through continuing education, I do not believe there is sufficient detail in this legislation to ensure those benefits will be realized through its implementation. It has been my experience as a representative of the surveying community on the national level that the single most common complaint regarding continuing education programs in other states, is that not enough fore thought went into developing the program to guarantee it would be a lasting benefit to the profession and the public the profession serves. I offer the following suggestions; the committee should table/remove the continuing education element of this legislation at this time. A working group should be formed to study ways that professional development can be designed and implemented that will best ensure the ultimate success of continuing education requirements in Connecticut. The working group make recommendations that will enable the program to evolve with the profession. Finally, the working group provide the committee with a plan of sufficient detail that all the affected parties can make a reasoned and educated decision based on the merits of the proposed program.

I again thank the committee for its time and attention to this important topic and for your dedication to the people of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Dahn