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Senator Paul R. Doyle, Co-Chair General Law Committee
Representative David A. Baram, Co-Chair General Law Committee

**SUBJECT: S.B. No. 923 AN ACT CONCERNING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS
AND REQUIRING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

Senator Paul R. Doyle, Representative David A. Baram and members of the General Law Committee;

My name is Alan Fenrow, I am a resident of Portland, CT, a licensed Land Surveyor, and currently employed by a Rocky Hill land surveying firm. I also am the current Treasurer for the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors (CALs) and have served in this capacity since 2009. CALs is an association dedicated to promoting the professionalism of land surveying in Connecticut by conducting educational seminars and interacting among licensed professionals and other state surveying organizations. Licensed Land Surveyors represent approximately 2/3 of CALs total membership.

On behalf of CALs, I am speaking in opposition to the continuing professional education provisions of S.B.923 as currently presented. Although CALs recognizes that continuing education can potentially benefit both the general public and professional surveying as a whole, the lack of sufficient detail in this legislation with regards to implementation and course guidelines, for example, will not ensure success.

Currently, CALs encourages its members to attend seminars, webinars and workshops which offer specialized professional training through guidance from our Continuing Education Committee. We are also affiliated with the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS) which reviews and authorizes our seminars through its educational board. Upon approval, CALs can then grant CEU's for these seminars. For every seminar that CALs presents during any given calendar year, we line up speakers and topics, secure venues and associated fees and distribute certificates to surveyors for record keeping.

Our program has continually met the needs of licensed surveyors by offering relevant topics that are presented by local and national speakers.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me through the CALs office.

Sincerely,

Alan S, Fenrow