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On behalf of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, we would like to express our opposition to Raised Bill 238, LCO 1352, *An Act Establishing a Landscape Contractor's License*.

Licensure in this state is generally accepted as relating to the insuring or maintenance of the health, safety and welfare of the state's citizens, but no such goal is evident in this proposed bill. In its generalities, it covers a wide range of areas, but its very purpose remains murky: what is the problem for which it seeks redress? Its intent is unknowable.

With the use of the word "contractor" in its title, it seems to be weighted in the direction of landscape maintenance services, but then it includes design services, which are already sufficiently regulated by the statute covering the professional practice of Landscape Architecture.

We believe that the proposed bill adds nothing to the provision of Health, Safety and Welfare to citizens of the state. We believe that adoption of Raised Bill 238 will result in significant confusion and added expense to the State of Connecticut by establishing additional, unnecessary administrative paper work. We respectfully ask that this bill not be moved forward. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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