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Dear Senator Meyer and Representative Gentile,

In a conversation with Senator Meyer last week we discussed similar bills raised in your Committee and General Law concerning the possible certification of Landscapers. It was decided that General Law would defer to the Environment Committee in the possible initiation of this legislation.

Since I cannot attend your public hearing, I wanted to share my perspective that I hope your Committee will consider. Rather than obligate all landscapers to become certified through advanced testing, I would prefer to see a voluntary certification for those who decide to undergo the course of study and testing to obtain the recognition of certification.

Thousands of individuals have businesses that engage in mowing, plowing and basic landscape activities. Their livelihoods depend upon their businesses. The Landscaping Association acknowledges that a significant number of those taking the national test fail as a result of the specialized content it covers.

It would be detrimental in my opinion to mandate a test for the average landscaper performing basic services. Instead, a voluntary certification and test would allow those with the advanced study and expertise to distinguish themselves without impact to all other landscapers. I believe that this is the best approach.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Baram".

David A. Baram