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Proposed Bill No. 158 - OPPOSE

Statement of Purpose: To allow holders of bachelor's degrees with three years practical experience to be licensed as landscape architects.

Competent landscape architecture is fundamental to the success of municipal and private projects.

Landscape architects are critical contributors to projects involving the following:

- Design of parks & community areas
- Site planning (environmental & safety concerns)
- Building placement
- Wetland mitigation & preservation
- Urban development & revitalization
- Waste & storm water management
- Pedestrian, automobile or watercraft traffic
- Solving planning and zoning concerns

Today's licensure of landscape architects provides many assurances of competence to municipalities, urban "revitalizers", contractors and the general public. These assurances include environmental, financial and most importantly public health, welfare and safety concerns.

Proposed Bill No. 158 reflects a flawed understanding of the landscape architects' purview. Landscape architecture far exceeds the realm of "planting flowers and placing stepping stones."

The Connecticut Spa & Pool Association (CONSPA) urges "no action" to be taken on Proposed Bill #158.

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Respectfully,
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