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Esteemed members of the General Law Committee:

I am writing this letter in opposition of Senate Bill 158, An Act Concerning Landscape Architect Licenses. I am quite concerned about the potential impact to public and environmental safeties by having underqualified people practicing while lacking knowledge of complex site design. The licensing exam is difficult, but reasonably so given the huge burden of responsibility placed on the work done by Landscape Architects.

Many view the most important charge of a Landscape Architect being appropriate design to meet aesthetic needs. There is no question that there is value in attractive design, but making development of any scale safe is the most critical piece of being a Landscape Architect.

Appropriate access for emergency responders and avoiding potential vehicular and pedestrian accidents are concerns that Landscape Architects address on a regular basis. There is also a huge environmental component; the potential impact to critical filtration and habitat areas by poor design is another reason why the licensing exam and is so incredibly important.

It is for these reasons that I strongly oppose SB 158. I am always available to discuss this bill, or any others in more detail should anyone on the committee desire. Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Best Regards,



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