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Re: Statute of Limitations Legislation

To: Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, and Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a Stamford architect I am submitting this letter in support Senate Bill 1032, *An Act Concerning the Applicability of the Statute of Limitations to Construction and Design Actions Brought by the State or a Political Subdivision of the State.*

Licensed and practicing architecture in Connecticut since 1968 (License #2673) I served 12 years on the Connecticut Architectural Licensing Board, both as a member and as chairman, providing me with a keen awareness of the Design and Construction industry.

My support of a Statute of Limitations with the State is motivated by a desire to see an equitable requirement which is in the public as well as the profession's interest. Neighboring States have a Statute of Limitations, providing for a fair and reasonable contractual agreement within the States, while reinforcing a business friendly environment.

The continued prospect of doing business where liability is unending is significant, placing an undue burden on architecture firms, which are most often Small Businesses. Retention of project documents will be expensive, while the need for contemporaneous information and project knowledge will be diminished as time elapses. Professional liability insurance, which is presently costly, requires that such policies be in *effect* to provide protection, thus necessitating design professionals to maintain coverage "until death due us part" under the current lack of a Statute of Limitations.

I urge you all to vote in favor of this bill and send it to the full legislature for an affirmative vote.

Sincerely yours,

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