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Dear Senator Scott, Representative Davis and Committee Members

Please oppose the proposal to add CT Sales Tax for professional Landscape Architecture, Architecture and Engineering Services. **There are several reasons why the tax is bad for Connecticut:**

The increase in the cost of construction projects would discourage businesses from locating or expanding in Connecticut.

The sales tax would also impact the housing market, making housing less affordable for residents in the state.

It is very complicated to administer for states and taxpayers, as the multi-state nature of customers and service providers often makes it difficult to determine where, when, and how the services take place. In fact, when Connecticut taxed these services about 25 years ago, the Department of Revenue Services recommended that the tax be eliminated in part because of the complexity in administering the tax relative to the dollars the tax was generating for the state.

This tax would be a disaster for firms attempting to perform Landscape Architectural, Architectural & Engineering services for clients with limited budgets. Please consider Connecticut small business owner when evaluating the additional tax on Connecticut consumers.

Thank you very much for your attention on this matter and please do not support it.

Sincerely,

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