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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

The tax on architectural and engineering services was tried 25 years ago with disastrous results. The tax was so difficult to implement and administer that it was repealed within a year. An example of a current situation our Architectural firm would face: We do architectural work for a company whose offices are out of state but are doing work for the State of Connecticut. As a consultant to this private out of State firm would we charge taxes or because the work we are doing as a sub consultant to this firm is for the State of Connecticut are we exempt? Our projects are very long duration, some times several years in length, when do we start taxing a project or are existing projects exempt? Again these same issues killed this tax 25 years ago. I hope logic will prevail and legislators will recognize that the cost to administer this tax will outweigh the potential benefit to the State.

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