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RE: KSBTP Statute Revisions – Bill No. 54

Federal and State Affairs Committee:

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, good morning! I am Tod Hueser; I am a member and the Immediate Past President of the Prairie Gateway chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects and I am a landscape architect licensed in Kansas and Missouri.

There is a direct relationship between the practice of landscape architecture and public health, safety, and welfare. Landscape architects are trained to design and offer services for a variety of projects: community master plans, site planning, streetscape design, recreation corridors, parks and trails, historic preservation, storm water management, & mine reclamation, to name just a few. As you are aware, we undergo educational training and examination requirements equal to that of other licensed design professions.

Currently, licensed landscape architects in Kansas are required under law to act on the client's behalf. We can be held personally responsible for our actions and can be sued or criminally prosecuted for errors or negligence.

Landscape architects have been involved with the committee charged with revising the state statutes since the process began last year. To ensure the continued protection of public health, safety, and welfare, all of the professional groups collaborated with determination to improve the current law. We appreciate the opportunity to offer input, engage the committee and stand firm with our fellow technical professionals.

Our organization supports the proposed changes and we implore your positive consideration of this bill.

Thank you for your time.

Tod Hueser, ASLA