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WI ASLA Chapter Membership,

The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) is currently drafting an occupational license report, which will identify licenses for elimination. DSPS's report must be submitted to the Governor and Legislature by December 31, 2018.

The only opportunity for stakeholder input is an online survey from DSPS, which must be completed before December 10, 2018. *It is imperative that you respond to the survey and have your voice be heard. As you know, landscape architect licensure was specifically targeted for elimination during the 2017-18 legislative session.*

The survey questions pertain to both your effort to acquire and sustain your license and, if applicable, how professional licensing compares to that of other states. More importantly, you have an opportunity to submit comments in regard to how repeal or "reform" of our license may affect your ability to carry out the work you do and how you earn a living in Wisconsin. *Your input is critical – by not responding sends the message that professional licensing is not needed in Wisconsin!*

Here are some talking points you can use:

- Landscape architects are required to be licensed in all 50 states.
- Eliminating Wisconsin's licensure law would prevent landscape architects from working in neighboring states and prevent WI landscape architects from competing for contracts that require licensed landscape architects. This would hurt Wisconsin workers and businesses.
- Landscape architects protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey at <https://dsps.wi.gov>. DSPS is asking Wisconsin residents to participate so please encourage coworkers, clients, and allied professionals to fill out the survey. Should you have any questions or we can be of assistance, please reach out!

Sincerely,

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