



Midwest Region
Association of Professional Landscape Designers

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Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Labor & Industry
2 East Main Street
Madison, WI 53702

I am writing you today as a landscape designer, member representative and president of the Midwest Region Association of Professional Landscape Designers, an international association representing Wisconsin landscape designers.

My association, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) is in opposition to the WB667, that we strongly believe would adversely affect our profession and reduce consumers' ability to choose between reputable professionals for this type of service.

The problem occurs when landscape architects define themselves through "practice", by what they say they alone do. What they do is not unique since other professions such as landscape designers also deal with esthetics, design, recommending plant placement, etc. In reality, despite professing a desire to protect public health and welfare, the bill is a thinly veiled market grab where one profession tries to crowd out competition using the government as its club.

This legislation as written is anti-competitive and anti-small business. Please reconsider whether or not the bill should be introduced as written.

Please feel free to contact me at 847-295-7750 or by email at president@APLDMidwest.org

Sincerely,

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President Midwest Chapter APLD