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To: P. Murdo

I understand that you will be conducting a meeting on January 19 to discuss the status of Licensing Boards in state government.

It is my suggestion that you consider combining all of the design professional boards (architects, landscape architects, engineers and surveyors) that are presently in three separate boards. In addition professional geologists should be included in the combined board. The geologists are licensed in most other states but not in Montana.

There are presently large differences in the annual license fees for the different design professions. A combined board would allow for a common fee, a much more equitable situation. Of course a combined board would save the taxpayers as well as the licensees some money.

I understand that the state of Arizona successfully operates such a combined board.

At present the Board of Landscape Architects is unable to function due to high cost associated with a small number of licensees. Although the surveyors are small in number, they are able to function in a lower unit cost structure by being part of a board with a large number of engineers. The combined board of engineers and surveyors is an indication of how we could successfully combine all of our design professional boards.

Having served for eight years on the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and presently serving as a public member on the board of Landscape Architects, I believe that I am qualified to provide this input. Please share my opinions with the Legislative Committee when they meet.

Respectfully submitted,
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