Dear Patricia:

In the public comment portion of your May 11 meeting I would like to again support the concept of merging all design professional licensing boards (architects, landscape architects, engineers and surveyors). Other states successfully operate with this arrangement and I believe that Montana could save money and better serve the public by making this change. As you know, the Board of Landscape Architects, with a very small number of licensees, is experiencing budget problems and proposing a merger. Since this merger will require legislation, it would be a good time to accomplish the above consolidation. I am speaking as a private citizen but I also serve as a public member on the Board of Landscape Architects and am a past member and chair of the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. David Hummel, PE