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Testimony for the Government Oversight and Reform Committee
Senator William P. Coley, II, Chair

Chairman Coley,

My name is Eugenia Martin, FASLA, Principal with CYP Studios in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio as well as the Chapter Trustee of the Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. I am here today on behalf of the Executive Committee and our membership, to provide our input on HB 243 in regards to the proposed rule change to the continuing education requirements for licensure for landscape architects and architects.

We would like to express our support for the Board's proposed requirement that all qualified educational activities be structured in alignment with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Model Law, Regulations, and Policy with respect to continuing education. It is a goal of ours that we provide clear, concise guidelines and application of this uniform policy across jurisdictions to the benefit of all licensees, regulators and most importantly, those who benefit from the professional services of the regulated community. Our ultimate desire is to make sure that our landscape architect practitioners are accountable and protective of the health, safety and welfare of the communities they serve.

We echo the benefits of this proposed rule change outlined by CLARB in that it will provide more efficient compliance, more efficient regulation, greater economic opportunity for local licensees, increased access to a broader marketplace of professional services, as well as regulations that reflect an increasingly global body of knowledge.

In summary, we support HB 243 and the proposed change in language to amend the continuing education regulation to specify that structured educational activities be required to meet its continuing education requirements. It is important to us that we continue to promote compliance with these rules as we strive to achieve greater alignment with our peers across the country. This proposed change aligns with (CLARB)'s model guidance, and in our view, enables our Ohio professional landscape architects, regulators, and members of the public to mutually benefit from the efficiency of a more uniform regulation.

Thank you,

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Chapter Trustee