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The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari
Senator, Legislative District 22
1514 E. Saint Georges Avenue, 2nd Floor
Linden, NJ 07036

Reference: S 2302

Dear Senator Scutari:

The New Jersey Land Improvement Contractors Association (NJ-LICA), on behalf of over 200 member companies, writes to you in regards to proposed Bill S-2302, to license landscape contractors in the State of New Jersey. We have recently been made aware of this bill and are against this bill in its present form.

Our members are directly affected by this bill, and following a vote at our November 2008 membership meeting, have voted to oppose it. Although Bill S-2302 states that it excludes “excavation activities of excavation companies” (Section 21-f), many of our members perform work not excluded in this section. Therefore, we believe this bill will affect our members, as they will either be limited in their scope of work, or need to become Licensed Landscape Professionals when most do not perform any landscaping tasks. Based on this, NJ-LICA cannot endorse Bill S-2302 and asks this bill be withdrawn.

In addition to NJ-LICA, other longstanding trade and professional associations, after being informed of the contents of the bill, have a number of concerns with this bill and oppose it as currently written.

Senator, NJ-LICA respectfully asks that you listen to your constituency and requests that Bill S-2302 be withdrawn.

Respectfully,

Peter Rochelle, President
New Jersey Land Improvement Contractors Association