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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 Landscape Contractors Association (NJLCA) represents the interests of over 500 member companies that employ several thousand people throughout the great State of New Jersey and sincerely appreciates your advocacy of and interest in the Landscape Profession as indicated by your sponsorship of S2302.

I am writing to inform you that the NJLCA is extremely interested in this proposed bill because our members are directly affected by it. **Regrettably, we are currently against the bill in its present form.** On August 25, 2007, we mailed a survey to our contractor members addressing this bill. In this first survey, the response showed that 53.75% stated they were against this bill and 62.5% felt it needed further debate. On October 31, 2008, we mailed a second survey to 4,287 landscape companies in NJ, of these responses, 50.82% were against the bill, 30.6% were for the bill, and 18.58% were undecided. Furthermore, of the respondents, 85.25% felt the bill warranted further debate. Therefore, based on this data, NJLCA is against this bill in its present form.

The NJLCA is going to hold meetings throughout NJ (northern and central) to obtain vital feedback from contractors across the state so that we can clearly articulate our collective concerns regarding S2302. We will also discuss the issue and educate our members and attendees at our State Convention on Friday, December 5, 2008.

Senator, we would greatly appreciate you giving us until February 18, 2009 to reach out to the landscape contractors across the state so that we may provide you with valuable industry feedback and insight before this bill sees action in committee. It is our intention to provide you with constructive feedback on S2302 that represents the views and opinions of our constituency.

Respectfully,

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association
Drew Shepherd Chairman Legislative Sub-committee for the Licensed Landscape Professional