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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, May 30, 2007
Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, May 30, 2007

Re: A. 7438 Rosenthal / S. 4364 Marcelino - AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the public service law, in relation to enacting the healthy, safe and energy efficient outdoor lighting act

On behalf of the New York State Council of Landscape Architects, the state association of the American Society of Landscape Architects, we write to voice our support for the above-referenced legislation.

A. 7438/S. 4364 would limit excessive outdoor illumination, which wastes energy, creates glare and is detrimental to the natural nighttime environment. Research into the nighttime lighting environment increasingly provides evidence of negative consequences when illumination is inefficiently used, that is, when light is misdirected, unshielded, and excessively bright.

We support "dark-sky friendly" legislation and the creation of a Model comprehensive outdoor lighting ordinance. The ordinance will assist municipalities throughout the state in implementing realistic lighting policies that will save energy and prohibit degradation of our view of the night sky without hindering a designer's ability to create a safe and practical nighttime environment for the public. Landscape architects would appreciate the opportunity to assist in the development of legislation that affects outdoor lighting, such as the Model comprehensive outdoor lighting ordinance proposed in this bill.

We respectfully request your support for A. 7438/S. 4364.