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Hon. Mitch Seabaugh, Senator
421 D State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: SB 63

Dear Sir,

The Association of Georgia Surveyors is extremely interested in your bill. We respectfully argue that Land Surveyors are uniquely different than typical mechanics and/or material men.

In SB 63, in Section 1 on Page 2 at line 5, the description of Single-Family Residential Real Estate is defined. Please note, at the very end of the sentence, the word "lots".

Since the only profession, having the legal means to create and define a lot, is Land Surveying; AGS is certain that our product is exempt from any similarity with other mechanics or material men.

Without the surveyor, the legal description itself, for use in every aspect of a real estate transaction, would not be available.

Since title to property "runs with the land" AGS believes that surveyor Lien rights are similar to those rights vested in legal service as opposed to labor, mechanics or material.

We feel that, since the product of our service, is usually a plat or "legal description", our endeavor is in line with that of an attorney or title abstractor, etc.

For these reasons, AGS respectfully suggests an exclusion of land surveying from the language of your bill.

Further, since AGS is truly a "stakeholder" in the purest definition, we respectfully ask to have our representative be a part of your study committee.

AGS believes that studies by those affected are far and away more democratic than studies by lobbyists. Land Surveyors wish to be heard based upon the merits of professional logic rather than upon deals between lobbyists.

Thank you sir for your leadership and devotion to Georgia citizens. These qualities have been observed by AGS on other issues and have always made us proud.

Sincerely,

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