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The Honorable **[insert FN/LN]**  
Member of Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
Attn: Scheduler

Dear Representative **[insert LN]**:

I am writing to request that you meet with representatives of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), who will be in Washington, D.C. on May 4. As elected leaders of ASLA, they represent me and other landscape architects living and working in **[insert your state]**.

Landscape architects are highly trained, licensed professionals with a range of planning, design, scientific, analytical, and public outreach skills. In communities across the country, we are working to address issues that affect Americans every day. In addition to providing general information about the profession, these ASLA members would like to talk with you about the following issues and their impact nationally and in our state:

- ◆ Hazard Mitigation -- The hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast united the nation in sympathy for the survivors and raised consciousness about the vulnerability of our communities as well as how unprepared government and many citizens remain. We would like to present specific recommendations for restoring and rebuilding natural defenses, including wetlands and coastal ecosystems, and for mitigating some of the impacts of future disasters on families and communities.
- ◆ Security Design -- Security design brings together the elements of physical security with a comprehensive approach to design to ensure that perimeter barriers, such as walls, street furniture, and many other structures, provide effective protection against specific threats and are well integrated into the building site and the urban and suburban surroundings. We would like to discuss some of the challenges and opportunities associated with designing and implementing perimeter security that is highly protective and maintains openness and freedom of movement, which are the hallmarks of our democracy and way of life.

I appreciate your willingness to consider this request. By meeting with ASLA members, you will gain a greater understanding about how landscape architects are helping citizens and communities across our district to better address important issues. If you or your staff have any questions or to schedule a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at **[insert your daytime phone number]**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,