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SUBJECT: Certification for Soil Scientists

Honorable Senator Jeanne Kuhl-Wells, Labor, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

On behalf of the United States Consortium of Soil Science Associations (USCSSA), we support the quality work being done on Senate Bill (SB-5698) in Washington to establish a certification program for Soil Scientists and Wetland Scientists.

The USCSSA is a national framework to promote communications and networking between about 45 individual state and national soil societies/associations including the Washington Society of Professional Soil Scientists. One of our national activities is encouragement of certification and professional recognition of soil scientists. You may wish to visit our web site at <http://soilsassociation.org> for information about certification and other activities.

Currently, there are a number of states that have passed legislation for a soil scientist's certification program. These states include Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas.

We are pleased with the excellent progress being made toward certification approval in the State of Washington.

Best wishes as you move ahead with the work at hand.

Sincerely Yours,

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