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I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the approximately 1,350 members our professional association represents in Connecticut. We wish to express on sincere and on-going appreciation to the volunteer members of the Architecture Licensing Board.

This volunteer board of five members meets six times annually to review matters related to the licensing of architects. They take time from their workdays to volunteer their technical expertise to assist the Department of Consumer Protection in matters related to licensed architects and the protection of the citizens of our state. Buildings are, by statute, required to be constructed by those professionals who have been licensed by the State to ensure the we avoid building and construction disasters such as the terrible instance that occurred in Bridgeport with L'Ambiance Plaza.

This Board reviews the process by which new architects to our State are licensed, they review the qualifications which are required by State statute for businesses who wish to become licensed to practice as a corporation, and they, in those most unfortunate situations, suspend or revoked the license of those architects who have not through continuing education maintain competence with rapidly advancing technology in the design and construction of buildings.

These volunteers receive nothing in exchange for their service, other than free parking in the State Office Building lot on the six days of their meetings. We wish to publicly applaud their generosity and thank them for their willingness to serve our citizens. Their expert assistance and technical knowledge offered to the Department of Consumer Protection and to the State is invaluable.

Thank you to chair, S. Edward Jeter, and committee members, Carole Briggs, Robert Hurd, and David Barkin, and to the Department of Consumer Protection staff person who assists the Architecture Licensing Board, also a licensed architect within our state, Robert Kuzmich. AIA Connecticut and each of our 1,350 members benefit from your service, but only to a modest extend when compared to the benefit received by each and every citizen within our State. Every time any one of us enters a building that is safe and complies with codes and regulations of our State, we should applaud your efforts and volunteer spirit. Thank you.

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