



February 18, 2010

The Honorable Thomas A. Colapietro
Co-Chair, General Law Committee
Legislative Office Building
Room 3500
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Colapietro and Members of the General Law Committee:

Re: Opposition to HB 5138, Amendment to Reestablish Interior Design Regulation

Since 1979, Hanford Cabinet & Woodworking, Inc. has been providing Award winning Kitchen Design, fabrication, and expert Installation throughout the State of Connecticut and sometimes beyond.

Please accept this letter to express opposition to the amendment to the existing interior design title act and to request that you instead vote to repeal this unnecessary law.

Given the testimony at the Hearing from the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection that the law was not enforced, the testimony from the registered interior designers who indicated that the law served no useful public purpose, and the testimony from the National Kitchen & Bath Association about the small number of registered designers who actually possess the experience and testing qualifications that the law requires, I urge you to not merely make a bad law "less bad" by correcting the constitutional defect, but instead, do away with a law that has no public benefit and is not necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of our citizens.

There are numerous websites and private organizations like the NKBA, the American Society of Interior Designers, the International Interior Design Association and Interior Design Society that market their members' services and educate the public as to the various qualifications of designers. Each of those sites has a "find a designer" section which enables the public to view the qualifications of designers - the same qualifications that this law would require. A state registration would only duplicate these lists for no reason other than to benefit a small faction of designers *and grant them a competitive marketing edge over their competitors by virtue of their "state recognition"*.

Please vote against this needless and protectionist amendment *and allow me to continue to work and compete fairly on the merits of my skill and expertise.* Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and understand my concerns.

Please vote to repeal this unwarranted law.

Very truly yours,


Beth Veillette
Custom Kitchen Designer

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