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House Bill # 6378

**AN ACT REQUIRING AN AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM IN ALL ONE AND TWO-FAMILY HOMES.**

Dear Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and Members of the Public Safety Committee:

My name is Diane Harp Jones and I am the CEO/EVP with the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. I am here today to express AIA Connecticut's opposition to House Bill #6378. I regret that our members, Christopher Laux and Bruce Spiewak, could not be here, as they have many years of experience working with the code adoption process in Connecticut. Mr. Laux is the former State Building Inspector for the State of Connecticut. They have assisted in writing the following position statement for AIA Connecticut.

On behalf of AIA Connecticut and our approximately 1,350 members,

*This kind of regulation does not belong in the statutes regardless of whether or not one agrees with the principle. The revisions to regulations like the Building and Fire Safety Codes are more properly done by the system of code update enabled by the Statutes, involving the professional staffs of the Office of State Fire Marshal and Office of State Building inspector as well as the diverse State Codes and Standards Committee. The task force appointed to assist the Codes and Standards Committee, as part of this process of reviewing the Residential Sprinkler issue, is a more appropriate method to properly investigate the facts relating to this proposed regulatory change than the Proposal to change the statutes, which is an "end run" to avoid the proper review process.*

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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