

March 6, 2012

Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak & respected members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Heather Konish. As a student studying to become a professional interior designer at the University of New Haven, I am here in support of SB 5307 in order to ensure my future as an interior designer in the state of Connecticut. Currently, I am a freshman at the University, and the future of this field is very important to me. I would really love to see that, when I graduate, the field I am entering will have standards more advanced than today's standards. This registration number would ensure that I receive apt credit for my work, and to protect it more fully. This protection would also make me more likely to stay within the state of Connecticut after I graduate to live and work.

To become a *Professional* Interior Designer it requires a four year university degreed education, two years of verifiable work experience and the subsequent passing of the NCIDQ exam. As a young and emerging Interior Designer, this is the path I have chosen and is the minimum standard for me to become a Registered Interior Designer in the State of Connecticut.

Being able to utilize my Interior Designer registration number will differentiate me from those that do not have the education or minimum qualifications and assures me a competitive edge for employment within the State. It also opens access for me to work independently to develop new business opportunities and advance my career through professional partnership opportunities in the state.

I ask the General Law Committee to approve this bill to assure the educational value and skill set for all Interior design students who are entering the profession of Interior Design.

Sincerely,

Heather Konish