

March 6, 2012

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

My name is Emily Boelsems. 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 point out there is a significant difference between a Professional Licensed Interior Designer and an individual who calls themselves an Interior Decorator. I want to distinguish that a person who attends college for four years or more for an Interior Design degree does not compare to a person who reads multiple books on Interior Design.

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,

Emily Boelsems