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Dear Mr. Hwang:

Please note that I am opposed to Proposed bill #6493 LCO# 35610365 GAE.

Why would you even consider giving interior designers the same status as an architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, land surveyor and employees working for those companies? The NCIDQ exam will give an interior designer the "registered" label. However, the information learned from studying for the exam in no way gives an interior designer the actual knowledge of an architect or other professional included in the proposed grouping. They are not equal!

Where are the funds coming from to train "registered interior designers" to do the work of an architect and what program will be cut to do this?

The CEU courses available to designers and decorators should be considered as a truly valuable tool for keeping up with current information. Taking the NCIDQ may give technical information but is basically a one time occurrence. Continuing education is offered through CEU courses for all of us to continue to learn with the current times. Perhaps there needs to be a bill proposing that we must maintain a certain level of CEU's within a certain time frame. Being kept current makes the most sense to me.

Please think before you vote to allow this bill to pass. It may open up the "right to work" issue within our state.

All of us in the design industry consider ourselves to be professionals. As the President of the Interior Design Society CT Chapter, a national organization dedicated to the professional growth of designers, I can tell you this bill will cause much grief throughout our industry. Think twice before you actually sign.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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