

Good afternoon Co-Chairs and members of the Committee,

I am testifying about HB 6404, An Act Concerning Registered Interior Designers. Interior Designers currently can obtain a Certificate of Registration from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection "Title Registration" by providing some information on their achievements in interior design and paying a fee. The proposed legislation is to create a signature and seal for their documents. I feel this is potentially misleading to consumers. These are not licensed professionals and "sealing" drawings and documents implies a level of qualification which they do not have.

Their work does not affect Health and Life Safety of people. Seals and Signatures can also be misleading to the various city and town Building Inspectors. Documents given to an inspector with a Seal and Signature on it could be misunderstood as a submitted construction document for the walls, partitions and exits etc. shown on it, thus providing improper confidence on their correctness for code construction, exiting and structural veracity. Currently the only construction drawings a Building Inspector sees with Seals and Signatures are from Licensed Professionals in the Engineering and Architecture professions. This adds a level of potential confusion that is not good for the public.

The bottom line is that this is not a good modification for the State of Connecticut, and I hope that you will see fit to deny this bill.  
Very truly yours,

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