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Good Evening, Chairmen Doyle and Baram and other distinguished members of the General Law Committee.

My name is Alex Lanuk and I am here to testify in support of HB 6404, "An Act Concerning Registered Interior Designers". I have been practicing in the Fairfield County area of Connecticut for 32 years in which 27 of those years encompass running my own small business specializing in Commercial Interiors. In addition I am also an Interior Design Educator at Norwalk Community College.

Touching upon last session via the passage of HB5307, I thank the committee for their leadership in removing the prohibition from Registered Interior Designers (RIDs) utilizing their registration number in written communications in order to identify their specialized skill set thus affirming specific knowledge and abilities which in turn provides accountability for consumers, provides incentives for design professionals to practice in the State and encourages Interior Design students to remain in Connecticut after graduation.

HB6404 aligns and supports the changes made last session by prescribing and approving a standard seal for use by RIDs when submitting interior alternation plans and specifications for construction permitting. Current law prohibits those who are not RIDs from using a seal but does not specifically provide for what design the seal should take. If enacted, a uniform seal for all RIDs in Connecticut would be established and required. Providing this technical clarification in HB 6404 will eliminate any confusion among building code officials regarding an official RID seal.

Having and using a "Uniform Seal" will also affirm and identify the professional capabilities that are provided by RIDs and necessary in conjunction with collaborative project teams consisting of various allied design professionals.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my perspective. I hope you will support HB6404.

Sincerely,



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