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*Raised Bill No. 6404*

**AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

Good afternoon Co-Chairs and members of the Committee. This testimony is being presented by the Government Affairs Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, AIA Connecticut. We are opposed to this bill, as it proposes to introduce the use of a professional seal for Interior Designers, who have “title registration” in the State of Connecticut, and not “professional licensure.”

The use of a seal is restricted to licensed professionals and is inappropriate for those with title registration only. The use of a seal would be misleading to the public, who might misconstrue the seal as an indication of licensure.

Thank you for your time and interest. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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