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Chairmen Doyle and Baram and all Members of the General Law Committee.

My name is Rachel Pirolli and I am a senior student in the 4 year Bachelors Program of Interior Design in the Department of Art and Design at the University of New Haven in West Haven Connecticut. I am also currently the Student Representative for the Connecticut Coalition of Interior Designers and am one of the students that support HB-604 establishing a "Uniform Seal" for the Connecticut Registered Interior Designer.

I am here at this public hearing tonight to ask that you please support and approve House Bill-6404, to ensure that all registered interior designers in Connecticut have the ability to display their seal in order to keep the industry competitive within Connecticut and other states. This will mean that building officials, professional contractors, other allied design professionals and the everyday consumers can more easily identify "Registered Interior Design professionals", ensuring them that the person they hire knows all building safety codes, fire codes, ADA compliance codes and all other necessary regulations to keep Connecticut citizens safe.

This is common sense legislation. Approval of this bill will ensure that the state retains more students who study interior design in Connecticut and would like to plan to work and live here as contractors and small business owners. Finally, it uniquely contributes in this way towards economic growth at no cost to the state.

Thank you in advance for considering approval of this critically important piece of legislation. Please let me know if there are any questions I can answer on our industry or this initiative.

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