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Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

On behalf of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, we would like to express our opposition to Raised Bill 352, LCO 1913, *An Act Concerning the State Building Code*.

There is a long standing process in place by which Building and Fire Codes are adopted in the State of Connecticut. The attempt to use Statute to legislate code provisions leads both to conflict and confusion and is extremely detrimental to the Design and Construction industry. This approach will result in conflicts between the statewide adopted Building and Fire Safety Codes and these Statues which can have far reaching negative effects and can often not be resolved in the design of safe buildings.

We believe that the proposed bill will not add to efficiencies in the code adoption process but in fact will only add unfortunate, unintended results making it increasingly challenging to conduct business in the State of Connecticut. We respectfully ask that Raised Bill 352 be withdrawn. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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