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Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

On behalf of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and our approximately 1,350 members statewide, we would like to express our strong opposition to Raised Bill 357, LCO 1054 *An Act Concerning Energy Efficient Building Standards and Product Efficiency Standards*.

By State Statute (29-253), all Connecticut towns and municipalities are subject to one state building code. The proposed addition to the statute outlined in this bill, allowing any town or municipality to adopt its own construction standards, will undermine all the benefits of a uniform State code, as well as the authority of the State Building Inspector's office to arbitrate code related decisions, and will create an atmosphere of confusion throughout the entire design and building industry.

The use of a statewide building has been in effective for almost forty five years and prevents confusion. The only official interpretations or modifications are done through a long standing tested and proven process with the State Building Inspector, thus creating a positive and consistent process across the State.

We respectfully ask that Raised Bill 357 be withdrawn. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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