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Committee on Public Safety and Security

Proposed S.B. No.631: An Act requiring Registered Interior Designers to obtain continuing Education related to the State Building Code and Fire Safety Code.

Chairmen Larson and Dargan and other distinguished members of the Committee on Public Safety and Security,

My name is Alex Lanuk and I am submitting written testimony in support of Proposed S.B. 631, An Act requiring Registered Interior Designers to obtain Continuing Education related to the State Building Code and Fire Safety Code as I am unable to attend today's Public Hearing. I am a Registered Interior Designer and have been practicing in the Fairfield County area of Connecticut for 34 years of which 28 of those years encompass running my own small business specializing in Commercial Interiors now more multi-discipline in nature.

Currently RIDs utilize their registration number on written communications and through a uniform seal reflecting their number and their name when submitting interior alternation plans and specifications for construction permitting. Each identifies a RID's specialized skill set in relation to utilizing products and creating work plans that are consistent with the State Building and Fire Safety Codes be it a Commercial or Residential project. However, there are no Statutory requirements in place for RIDs to take Continuing Education Courses to keep them current on changes made to both the State Building and Fire Safety Codes as there are in place for other Design Professionals, such as Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects.

As professional member of the American Society of Interiors Designers I am required to take CEUs to maintain my membership. I do so not just for the Association's recognition but to ensure an ongoing learning connection important to my abilities as a RID in Connecticut. From my perspective requiring CEUs on a State level to maintain one's Registration is a necessity for the best interest of the public's health, safety and welfare while it reaffirms the professional capabilities provided by RIDs and assures continued knowledge of both existing and new state codes.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I hope you will support Proposed S.B. 631.

Sincerely,



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