



April 2, 2026

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations,

I am writing to express my support for **Bill H7842/ S2518**: An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – State of Rhode Island Interior Design Practice Act.

I have been a licensed architect for 24 years in Rhode Island, I live in Providence, and I own a local architecture firm. I am committed to supporting professional standards that strengthen the design and construction industry in our state.

Like architecture, interior design is a distinct profession focused on the planning and design of interior environments that protect the health, safety, and welfare of occupants while supporting and enhancing the human experience. To me, it is logical and necessary to ensure that interior design practitioners meet the qualifications required to make critical design decisions and recommendations that impact the public.

Importantly, the proposed legislation does not restrict the practice of current design professionals. Interior designers working in commercial, healthcare, educational, and public environments are responsible for critical aspects of the built environment that directly affect occupant safety and well-being.

Currently, 29 states, as well as Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, have enacted legislation recognizing or regulating the profession of interior design. Of the 29 states, our New England neighbors, Connecticut and Maine have established interior design legislation. Passing this bill would help align Rhode Island with these jurisdictions to ensure consistent professional standards, stronger consumer protections, and improved workforce mobility across state lines.

I believe the proposed legislation will also provide clarity for building officials and allied professionals while supporting economic development within the design and construction industries.

As a architect in the State of Rhode Island, I respectfully ask that you support Bill S2518 / H7842 in recognition of the important role interior designers play in protecting the public and advancing the profession.

I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or discuss this legislation further.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter", is set against a light yellow rectangular background.

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