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Re: Bill S2518/H7842- An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions: State of Rhode Island Interior Design Practice Act

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

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

My name is Brandon Colon, and I'm currently a junior at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, majoring in Interior Architecture and Design. I am from Providence, Rhode Island, and as a resident of this state, I'm glad to hear about this bill allowing current and future designers like myself to become licensed in this state. Throughout my time here so far, I've learned so much more than I was expecting. Being an interior designer isn't only about the aesthetics or looks of spaces, but also about the safety and comfort you must have in a space. Learning things like building codes and the structural necessities that make up a safe interior shows how important the task of a designer is. We must have the skills to maintain the best possible space for everyone who enters it. My fellow classmates and I have dedicated time and energy working on projects, presenting in front of critics, and attending phenomenal networking events, connecting with professionals to build our skillset so we can apply them where we are needed. One key event has been attending the Rhode Island Minorities in Architecture and Design (RIMiAD), a group that mentors and supports young designers, like myself.

Passing this bill to allow designers to pursue careers in this state will show how much interior designers are needed. This allows students like myself to continue working harder on this journey of becoming a designer and to support the local communities that have always supported me.

Thank you for allowing me to speak my mind on this matter involving myself and my fellow local designers.

Best Regards,
Brandon Colon