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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 Gregory Snider, and I am an architect with over 40 years of experience. I work in Providence, **Rhode Island**, and I am committed to supporting professional standards that strengthen the design and construction industry in our state.

I am part of a broad consortium of **practitioners, educators, small business owners, and industry leaders across Rhode Island who are committed to advancing professional standards**. 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**.

I view this legislation as a necessary step to ensure that interior design practitioners meet the qualifications required to make critical design decisions and recommendations that impact the public.

This bill will provide interior design professionals who fulfill **education, examination, and experience requirements** with:

- Greater professional autonomy and equity
- The ability to **stamp and seal non-structural interior construction documents**
- Alignment with our industry colleagues including **architects, engineers, and construction professionals**

Importantly, this legislation does not restrict the practice of current design professionals.

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