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Dear Ms. Snyder-Carlson,

This letter concerns my support of the Interior Design Collaborative of Oregon to create a volunteer registry of Registered Commercial Interior Designers. I have been in the interior design professional and educational fields for almost two decades. The subject of registration of Interior Designers has been a concern for the profession in Oregon for longer than that. Something must be done to protect consumers and to elevate the profession to some kind of protected status.

I am the Faculty Department Chair of Interior Design at Portland Community College. Before teaching, I practiced both commercial and residential interior design. At PCC, we are a career technical program or CTE. I rely on professional networking to educate employers about the skills and capabilities of our graduates. We have a robust professional internship program. However, there is nothing that protects our graduates professionally here in Oregon.

I had a conversation just last week with a professional lighting designer who teaches our lighting design class for us. He recounted an experience with a person who called herself an interior designer who had no knowledge of the Kelvin temperatures of light or CRI - color rendering index of light. He was aghast. How could someone call herself an interior designer yet profess no knowledge of the basic interaction of light and color?

A voluntary registry is a step in the right direction. Given the difficulty the interior design profession has experienced in creating a practice act or title act, a voluntary registry is logical to protect consumers and interior design professionals.

Regards,

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