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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2141

I am Ellen Cusick, a Certified Interior Designer living and working in Oregon. I have been a sole practitioner of commercial interior design for 15+ years and currently work as a construction project manager for Portland Public Schools. I'm writing to urge the committee to vote in favor of the HB 2141-1, which creates a volunteer registry for Certified Commercial Interior Designers. Interior Designers play a critical role in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the public in commercial buildings. HB 2141-1 will define Commercial Interior Designers as registered design professionals, a critical title required to apply for and receive a building permit in any jurisdiction in the state of Oregon. This bill ensures public safety and consumer protection; it expands economic opportunities for small business owners and sole practitioners. It does not prevent or limit architects, engineers or residential designers from doing the work they currently do and it is not required that anyone who wants to practice commercial interior design be registered.

Sincerely,

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