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Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill HB 2141-1, which would establish a voluntary registry for Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon.

It gives me great pride to say I live in Oregon, not only for its beauty but because it has always been a state that is at the forefront of legislation. When I moved here from Chicago, I found it hard to believe that Oregon had not yet passed or even considered this legislation, which 30 other states have already adopted. (And DC, Puerto Rico, and four others that are currently in progress.)

HB 2141-1 benefits small firms like ours. Empowering us to stamp and seal non-structural projects within our scope of work without having to pay an architect to review and sign our drawings saves us time and money, allowing us to be more competitive. It also allows us to bid on projects we are currently unable to bid on, even though we are qualified to do so, simply because we are not a 'Registered Design Professional' in Oregon.

On a more personal note, I am married to a designer who is currently studying for his Architect Registration Examination (ARE). He supported me while I prepared for and ultimately passed the NCIDQ exam, which assesses the knowledge and skills necessary for professional interior design practice. Both the ARE and the NCIDQ have rigorous education and work experience requirements, as well as significant financial and time commitments. I went back to college at 40 to become a professional interior designer, dedicating years of effort and substantial resources to earn my qualifications. Despite this, I am often still dismissed as someone who "picks out pretty colors," a mischaracterization that is both frustrating and demeaning. HB 2141-1 is a meaningful step toward validating the dedication and professionalism of interior designers like me.

In summary, I believe that HB 2141-1 reflects a commitment to fostering a fair, inclusive, and efficient regulatory environment for all design professionals.

I respectfully urge you to support this important legislation and help Oregon commercial interior designers receive the professional acknowledgment they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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