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My wife, Marisa O'Gorman, is an experienced commercial interior designer, co-owner, and Studio Director of Bainbridge Design. Bainbridge is a woman-owned commercial interior design studio that has served the PNW for 40+ years. If you live in or around Portland, you've experienced a space designed by Bainbridge: health clinics, supportive housing, banks, office buildings, and government offices.

For years, Oregon's commercial interior designers, predominantly women, have fought for licensure opportunities but have yet to gain the professional recognition they deserve.

Licensure is crucial for our commercial interior designers to have the same opportunities, recognition, and protections as their design and construction colleagues.

HB2141 is a critical step for Oregon; this legislation is long overdue. As of this testimony, 29 states, DC, and Puerto Rico all have some form of legal recognition for interior design.

I, the undersigned, urge the Oregon State Legislature to pass House Bill 2141-1, establishing the Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act to recognize, protect, and enhance the role of Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon.