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To whom it may concern,

I am a practicing Interior Designer in Pennsylvania and am writing to voice my support for the licensing of Interior Designers in Pennsylvania.

I have practiced commercial interior design for over 25 years in this state and have worked as an interior designers as well as an independent consultant. I have first hand evidence verifying the importance of this subject. In my practice I run into issues on a daily basis that affect the health, welfare, and life safety of the inhabitants of the interior spaces I design. It is imperative that Interior Designers are knowledgeable, and competent in code and material selections which affect consumer safety. A system of licensing will insure the level of education and experience necessary for these activities just as it does for architects and engineers. It would also insure that Interior Designers continually update their education for licensing renewal. This industry is continually changing. I am very active with the Interior Designer Legislative Coalition (IDLCPA) and with the American Society of Interior Designers. I have dedicated much time to this effort because I feel it is an important step in securing the public's safety and my profession. I would appreciate your support of this very important Consumer Protection bill.

Very truly yours,

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