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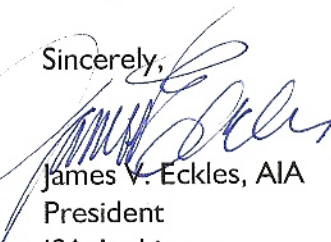
Dear Hon. Gergely,

I feel it is important to support interior design licensure. The public should be able to differentiate between "decorator's" and professional interior designers who are qualified by education, experience and examination.

Qualified designers protect consumer safety and promote healthy interior environments by designing spaces that meet code requirements for interior finish classifications (ex. fire, anti-microbial ratings), are ADA and universally accessible, consider psychological/behavioral conditions and allergies as well as anthropometrics for ergonomic furniture specification and custom casework design. Interior designers are taught to be environmentally conscious and promote sustainable design initiatives.

In practice, interior designers work on issues that affect the health, welfare and life safety of persons inhabiting interior spaces. It is very important that the designers we employ are as qualified and competent in their areas of expertise as the architects and engineers we employ. Interior design is a specialized field that should be regulated preventing unqualified persons from calling themselves interior designers and offering interior design services.

Sincerely,



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