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To Whom it may concern,

I have been a practicing Architect since 1986 and have watched the debate for many of those years on whether interior designers should be government accredited design professionals.

The fact that interior designers are not accredited at this point has been mostly due to the AIA lobbying against it. Interior designers are professionals and must know an array of knowledge to practice such as exiting requirements, materials' fire ratings, ADA issues, etc. Much of this knowledge overlaps the knowledge of Architects. In fact many Architects use interior designers for the interiors of their projects.

Interiors professionals have professional courses of study and a professional organization that assists with quality and continuing education issues. Would it be that difficult to bring interior designers into the realm of professional designers? They already have exams, and continuing education.

In other words there is really no reason why they should not become government accredited other than they may take some work away from Architects. The issue is what should they be accredited for, not whether they should be accredited.

Sincerely,

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