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As an Architect who has worked closely with many Commercial Interior Designers over the past 20 years I strongly support this bill, with its forthcoming amendment, titled HB 2141-1. The time is overdue for us to acknowledge the contributions of these professionals and their critical expertise in creating welcoming, equitable, code-compliant environments. The education and training of Commercial Interior Designers is significantly different from, and complimentary to that of other design and engineering professionals who have been formally recognized for decades. The importance of this legislation should not be understated. As a profession, Commercial Interior Design, has been largely led by women. This is an opportunity to show support for and lend credibility to their incredible work. Doing nothing at this time is in line with stating support for past injustices, often rooted in sexism and discrimination. It is time for our professional communities and the State of Oregon to acknowledge the importance of this profession, offering protections and economic opportunities that will come with formal recognition.

Please join me in supporting this important legislation.