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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2141

I am writing in support of House Bill 2141-1 and urge the Oregon State Legislature to pass this amended bill which will establish the Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act. It is time for us to recognize, protect, and enhance the role of Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon.

Oregon does not legally recognize Commercial Interior Designers, despite their important role in designing safe, accessible, and code-compliant spaces. Designers in my firm, Bora Architecture and Interiors, are experts in healthy materials, safe work spaces, and universal design at a depth that is beyond most architects. Their work makes all of our design work better for the people who occupy these spaces.

It is important to note that HB2141-1 will recognize the profession, ensure public safety and consumer protection, and expand economic opportunities for women, small business owners, and independent practitioners. Contrary to the lobbying of my own American Institute of Architects (AIA), HB2141-1 does NOT change or limit the work of architects, engineers, or residential designers. It does not expand the scope or require mandatory registration, nor does it allow structural, seismic, or exterior work.

It is time to pass this amended bill and recognize this important design profession!

Thank you,
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