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Senator Olson ,

I am writing you to oppose HB314 . This is a bill aiming to eliminate competition and provide preference to a very small number of Interior Designers in this state . I have been working as an interior designer in Alaska as a born resident since 1996 , my professional career has been a wonderful opportunity for me to engage with the people and state that I love . I don't have the specialized certifications that some of the people in my field do but I have done a great job all the same. Our job as interior designers is to connect with our clients and the places that we work and live in , a few acronyms after my name does not change my ability but having to test for them does . I have been in this field for almost 30 years and have proven myself worthy . I may not be a big business but I am valuable and should be allowed to continue the good work that I have been doing for decades without pausing my family and career to attain a certification that has never been necessary before . I love Alaska and its people , please let me continue to do the job I love in the same way I have for years . Please do not add more preference for the big guys . The co-sponsor of this bill , Matt Claman is great friends and a benefactor of the founder of the main firm who will benefit from this bill . The little guys like me don't have a chance .

Please give the little guys a chance . We live and love in this great state and don't want to loose our work to the big firms because they have friends .

Elke Mazzeo

Ps . Including a gratuitous fish picture because o am so proud of my little girl and her big rainbow ! (lower left) She caught this right in front of our cabin on the Naknek, Alaska is our home and life blood .

