

Dear Representatives ,

I provide interior design services and been in the business for 28 years. I do not have NCIDQ certification, so I will be negatively affected by HB 159.

I work with the general public, as well as with other interior designers and architects. I value the relationships that I have developed with all of my customers and industry partners. While I appreciate the advanced training that some interior designers get through NCIDQ certification, I believe the market should remain open to a wide variety of people who practice different aspects of interior design.

By designating interior design as a registered practice, I will no longer be able to assist any of my customers who do not fall within the exemptions that are outlined in the bill. I will not be able to help a bank design a new look for their lobby, or provide an owner with design ideas for making their office layout more efficient. **This bill would take away my clients choice to continue our longstanding working relationships. Continuing those relationships and work that I currently provide, as I have for years, would become a crime that could result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or 1 year of jail time . It is unfathomable to me that furnishing a lobby or making esthetic improvements to a space could become a crime punishable by law .**

I am not aware of any current problems within Alaska's design and construction industry that require interior designers to become registered. This proposed legislation is unnecessary and confusing. It will limit and restrict consumer choices. It will create unnecessary regulation in Alaska.

I respectfully request that you **OPPOSE HB 159** and allow me to continue the good work that I have provided for the past 28 years.

Sincerely.

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