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Representative Sumner,

My name is Cara Rude and I am in support of HB159. When I became an owner of the longest established and among the largest architectural practices in Alaska, the lack of professional registration for interior designers became an impediment and the company had to restructure from a Professional Corporation to an LLC.

This bill reflects the reality of the modern design marketplace. Accelerated construction timelines and constant technology advancements has led to the demand for Interior Designers that provide a focused education on environments to support human health, wellness, ethical material chemistry, commercial public life safety and the responsibility to reduce embodied carbon.

I believe this bill will lead to better built environments and safeguard an elevated design marketplace for consumers.

Best Regards,

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