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To: Rep. Jesse Sumner <Rep.Jesse.Sumner@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please pass HB159

I urge you to support HB159 adding Interior Designers.

Ensuring that interior design affecting public safety is appropriately regulated through licensure is good for all Alaska. This bill would allow professional interior designers qualified by a combination of education, experience, and examinations to take responsible charge of their work which impacts the public's life safety and welfare.

It is time for Alaska to establish professional registration for interior designers qualified by education, experience, and examination, to practice independently, with stamp and seal privileges, within a limited scope of work for which they are specifically trained and tested to do.

Opponents may claim that there is no need for this action and no problem to solve. However, the same was said regarding licensure for landscape architects and nurse practitioners. Now, we all see the benefits of their work as valuable contributors to our state.

I am an interior designer and business owner in Anchorage and fully support this legislation and encourage you to do the same. This is a bill whose time has come. Thank you for your consideration of support.

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I am out of the office Fridays, but available on my cell.

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