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Hi,

I write today on behalf of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), a professional association comprised of interior designers and other design and construction industry professionals, to **request your support for Senate Bill (SB) 73, a bill relating to Registered Interior Designers.**

As you will hear today from Charles Bettisworth, a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and longtime practitioner of architecture, and Dana Nunn, a fellow of ASID and longtime practitioner of interior design, **SB 73 not only protects the public and building occupants by ensuring that qualified professionals design interiors that meet building, fire, and other life safety codes but also SB 73 is good policy for Alaska.**

By allowing these interior design professionals who have educational, experiential, and examination-based knowledge to practice independently, **you will solve *real* Alaskan workforce development issues** by increasing consumer choice, speeding up project times, reducing project costs, and incentivizing students and young professionals to add to Alaska's economy. Not to mention, **passing SB 73 will also allow Alaskan residents to compete for and obtain federal contracts** distributed through the Department of Defense's Request for Proposals.

SB 73 represents a years-long conversation among design and construction professionals in Alaska and other states to provide legal recognition for interior design professionals which is *long overdue*. These professionals work alongside fellow design and construction practitioners every day, and the bill includes compromise languages agreed to by other states' working groups of interior designers and architects.

It is time that Alaska passes SB 73. For these reasons, we ask that you vote YES on SB 73, and be part of Alaska's workforce development solutions!

Thank you and please reach out with any questions.

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