**Act Now To Defend Interior Design Recognition in New Mexico!**

BREAKING: On October 19, as part of the New Mexico Legislature’s interim activities, the Legislative Finance Committee ("Committee") approved a recommendation to sunset the New Mexico Board of Interior Design, including a **full repeal of the New Mexico Interior Designers Title Act (“Act”)**.

As a result of the Committee’s vote, these recommendations to sunset the Act are likely to be introduced as *new legislation* in the 2023 legislative session. If any such legislation passes, the state of New Mexico would no longer register NCIDQ-certified interior designers or allow qualified designers to use the protected title of “Licensed Interior Designer."

New Mexico registered interior designers draft interior design construction documents for public spaces such as hospitals, hotels, houses of worship, convention centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and countless other public and commercial spaces where significant numbers of the public meet.

The Interior Design Act **legally recognizes** the interior design profession and the profession's vital role in protecting public health, safety, and welfare in the built environment. Sunsetting the Act would mean that the people safeguarding these protections and regularly making decisions essential to public safety, dealing with areas like fire safety, egress, ADA compliance, and slip and fall would no longer be in a position to protect the public. New Mexico **needs YOU to act now to protect the Licensed Interior Designer title** and all that having legal recognition of interior design in the state impacts.

Your legislators need to hear you request that they oppose the sunsetting of the Board of Interior Design! **Email your State representatives and senators now to ask them to oppose the sunset of the Board of Interior Design!**

Submitting a letter of support only takes a few minutes. Please enter your contact information, hit send, and your letter will automatically be sent to your legislators. ***Please feel free to edit the letter to reflect your personal stories as an interior designer when it comes to protecting health, safety and welfare, and mention why interior design regulation is important to you****.* You must complete this form for a letter to be sent.

**Please be aware that anyone in NEW MEXICO can participate in this campaign, so please share this link with IN-STATE family and friends! Note - you MUST complete the form and click "SEND EMAIL" for your email to be processed and your letter sent.**

Subject: Please Support Public Safety and Interior Design!

The current Interior Design Act is a voluntary certification program and in no way prevents the use of the term “Interior Designer” by anyone. Government-issued titles are an indicator to the public that these licensees are competent and professional. New Mexico registered interior designers draft interior design construction documents for public spaces such as hospitals, hotels, houses of worship, convention centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and countless other public and commercial spaces where significant numbers of the public meet.

These certified interior designers affect several construction and design elements that impact the health, safety, and welfare of the public, regularly making decisions in their work essential to public safety, dealing with areas like egress, ADA compliance, and slip and fall.

Supporting this recommendation and removing certification of interior design jeopardizes public safety, and forces professionals to look for work outside of the state, reducing the economic contribution Interior Designers bring to the state.

Furthermore, 90% of Interior Design professionals are female. By removing certification, many women-owned small businesses will be affected.

Please oppose the sunsetting of the Board of Interior Design. Thank you.

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