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Dear Senator Avella,

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for your support of Senate bill 7360.

As we have highlighted, there are a number of compelling reasons to support and approve this legislation. They include:

1. Will create a more streamlined process for consumers of Certified Interior Design Services;
2. Will eliminate unnecessary fees and costs to the consumer;
3. Allows Certified Interior Designers of New York to remain competitive with other states currently exercising this privilege including the contiguous states of Connecticut and New Jersey. (Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, Texas and Virginia, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia);
4. The ability to utilize Certified Interior Designers current statutory authority consistent with their professional Expertise, Education and Experience;
5. Eliminate the monopoly of seal privileges currently held by the architects and engineers since 1957;
6. Presently, there are 12 higher education institutions which are accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) in New York State which offer Interior Design programs;
7. Finally, this measure would provide a level of consumer protection ensuring trust and accountability with clients by guaranteeing that only Certified Interior Designers are authorized to stamp and seal their designs.

Again, many thanks for your support and efforts and we look forward to the approval of this measure during the 2014 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,