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August 4, 2009

Dear Governor Rell,

As part of your latest budget proposal, you are proposing that the state abolish the Architectural Licensing Board.

If enacted, this proposal would severely harm the architectural profession and negatively impact many businesses and government agencies in Connecticut which depend upon the services of licensed architects to protect the public health and safety as well as build our economy.

Without a licensing board, the state will be unable to approve new architect licenses or discipline the profession or those practicing architecture without a license. Have we forgotten the terrible tragedy at L'Ambiance Plaza in Bridgeport and the reason architects and engineers are licensed by our State?

The Architectural Licensing Board is composed of 5 volunteers who are not paid for the hours they spend reviewing applications for licenses and reviewing disciplinary issues. They only receive mileage to Hartford for their six meetings a year. What can eliminating the Board possibly save our taxpayers? I would appreciate hearing from you to tell me the cost benefit of this proposal.

Additionally you have proposed an increase to the license fees for all architects as well as other professionals while eliminating the disciplinary and policy making body for the profession.

This proposal is ill conceived and will not have the budgetary savings it implies. It will certainly harm the state's economy and will endanger the public safety.

Please withdraw this proposal immediately.

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This proposal is ill conceived and will not have the budgetary savings it implies. It will certainly harm the state's economy while endangering the public safety. Please make sure that this proposal is not included in the budget compromise.

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