



A chapter of the American Institute of Architects

**Governor's Proposed Budget includes
Elimination of Architectural Licensing Board**

We urge you to contact each of your elected officials immediately to ask that they work to reverse the proposal currently included in the Governors' latest budget. Please note that on page six of Governor Rell's [Press Release](#) of Thursday, July 30, she proposes eliminating the Architectural Licensing Board (as well as the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and 68 other boards and commissions).

All opportunity for public comments through the legislative process are closed. The only recourse available is for individuals to contact their elected officials and the Governor. Please email them TODAY. [Draft letters](#)

Fewer than 30 years ago in 1987 lives were lost when a building collapsed in Bridgeport and our State realized the necessity of strengthened licensing law governing the practice of architecture. Budgetary issues do not supersede public safety.

The Governor's proposal does not eliminate any staff nor does it eliminate the requirement of a license for architects, nor the annual fee to be licensed. In fact, the Governor's budget is proposing an increase by 25% in the annual licensing fee for architects. Without a Board comprised of professional architects who review the regulations of our State, we are jeopardizing the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

The Legislature and the Governor are meeting this week to negotiate a comprise budget for the next two years.

We urge you to immediately contact your elected officials as well as Governor Rell to speak against this proposal.

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