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## Supporting & Defending the Architecture Profession

### ***In response to the recent articles on "Full List of Degrees Not Classed As 'Professional' by Trump Admin"***

New Haven, CT, November 24, 2025) The American Institute of Architects, Connecticut Chapter (AIA CT) stands with the [National Organization of AIA](#) in opposing any federal policy that attempts to minimize, dilute, or erase the professional status of architects.

To be clear, architecture is a regulated licensed profession, anchored in accredited education, years of supervised experience, rigorous examinations, and a lifelong legal and ethical duty to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

**This is not opinion, it is codified, regulated, and enforced.** Any policy that pretends otherwise is reckless.

When a change in federal policy fails to recognize architects as professionals, it is not just disrespectful, it is dangerous. It undermines the long-established systems that keep our buildings safe. It trivializes the technical expertise it takes to design and coordinate structural, mechanical, environmental, and life-safety systems. And it tells the public that specialized knowledge can be ignored when politically convenient.

If the federal government decides to reform loan programs or financial structures, it should do so with accuracy and respect for the professions that safeguard our communities.

Reform should not come at the cost of de-professionalizing architecture or any other professions, or obstructing access to the education required to enter the field.

Other countries are aggressively investing in their professional workforce. Meanwhile, this policy signals that the United States is comfortable undermining its own, a shortsighted move in a competitive global landscape.

**Architects don't simply design buildings.**

**We protect communities.**

**We manage risk.**

**We ensure safety.**

**We uphold standards that save lives.**

Diminishing this profession is unacceptable.

We stand with the AIA and every architect, educator, and student who refuses to let political convenience override the realities of professional expertise, regulation, and public safety.

This policy needs to be amended immediately.

#### *About AIA Connecticut:*

As a valuable resource for architects and the public, AIA Connecticut has a membership of over 1,500 individuals, including architects, designers, students, and professionals in related fields. We are dedicated to supporting the architectural profession, fostering design excellence, and contributing to societal improvement by prioritizing the quality of the built and natural environments and adhering to the highest standards of practice and a code of ethics.

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