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Dear Chair LaLonde, Members of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Brennan, Rep. Michael Morgan, and Rep. Leland Morgan,

I have been a practicing, licensed architect in Vermont since 1989. I am a partner in an active Architecture/Engineering firm and a member of American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Vermont. I am writing to ask your support for legislation establishing a Statute of Repose for construction professionals, H.589.

Why is this bill important to Vermont's construction industry? A statute of repose will set a clear time limit on how long an architect, engineer, or contractor can be sued after a project is completed. Most states have one, typically ranging from 6 to 10 years. **Vermont does not, leaving architects exposed to open-ended liability.** As a result, architects in Vermont can face lawsuits 20 or even 30 years later — long after records are gone, insurance policies have changed, and businesses may no longer exist. This creates uncertainty, raises our professional liability insurance costs, and discourages people from staying in or entering the profession.

As a long-time, small business owner in Vermont, I ask you to please support this legislation. A 6-year statute of repose would provide fairness and predictability to our industry while still protecting consumers. If you'd like to contact me to discuss, you are welcome to contact me anytime.

Thank you for taking time to read this email and to learn more about the impact of this important legislation on our small businesses.

Sincerely,



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