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**Testimony in Support**

***LD 1393, An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects***

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**Labor Committee**

Chairman Tipping, Chairwoman Roeder, and Honorable Members of the Labor Committee. My name is Judy Johnson and have been practicing architecture for over 40 years. I am writing in support of LD 1393, An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects. This bill would require licensed Maine architects to receive at least 12 health, safety, and welfare educational unit hours, and to require licensed Maine architects to self-certify compliance with the requirement upon renewal of the license.

- Maine is one of only four states that does not require CEU's. The other states are Arizona, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania. This puts Maine out of step with all of New England and the entire East Coast and arguably weakens the value of a Maine architect's license by comparison.
- Requiring CEU's would help ensure ongoing excellence in our profession. Other professions that require ongoing education include: real estate agents, engineers, accountants, and lawyers – professions with whom we engage and collaborate often.

Maine is poised for smart and responsible growth in both the residential and commercial sectors as our economy remains strong and in-migration continues. We believe these factors contribute to the need to implement CEU's for licensed Maine architects sooner, rather than later.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important policy initiative, and for all you do for the State of Maine.

Sincerely,



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