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**Maine Indoor Air Quality Council Testimony in Support of LD 1393: An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects**

*The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council ("MIAQC" or the "Council") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating healthy, productive, and environmentally sustainable indoor environments through education, communications, and advocacy. We are a membership organization of diverse professionals who design, construct, operate, maintain, investigate and remediate buildings of all types, as well as a broad variety of public health and environmental health professionals and practitioners.*

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor:

Continuing education for all professionals in the design and construction field is critical for the delivery of healthy indoor environments. Construction practices have become increasingly more complex due to evolving building codes, the influx of new products, materials, and heating/cooling systems, and the need to apply building science principles for moisture, temperature, and air movement in buildings. Failure to properly manage any one of these elements can impact not only the integrity of the structure but also the health and safety of the building occupants themselves. In short, there is a continuous flow new information that needs to be learned and applied in order to prevent problems. We heartily support a minimum annual HSW credit requirement for Maine design professionals.

The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council can be available for the work session to answer any questions or provide further comment.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christine G. Crocker'.

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