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Dear members of the House State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee,

AIA Minnesota would like to express its support for HF3606, which will require the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID) to notify architects of renewal requirements 30 days prior to the deadline.

The American Institute of Architects, both nationally and at the state level, have placed a high priority on licensure for architects, which helps ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Minnesotans. AIA Minnesota does our best to communicate licensure deadline information to our members, but our membership does not include all architects, and we know that architects seek their information about licensure from the AELSLAGID board first, which is appropriate.

We also know that architects, like many other professionals, need to receive information in many ways to ensure it reaches them. The advent of hybrid work has meant that traditional mail and other means may not be as effective for notification as they were in the past. Modernizing the system will help ensure awareness and reduce the potential for missed deadlines.

This bill seeks to ensure that licensed architects are made aware in more ways about deadlines to ensure that the license renewal process is smooth for licensees. We hope that any resources required by the AELSLAGID board to complete notification requirements will also be provided to support any additional technology or infrastructure required to implement this new law.

We urge you to advance this bill to ensure that our licensed professionals can meet the licensing board's renewal deadlines in an efficient manner. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Kalar".

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