

WELCOME TO OUR  
**Quarterly Newsletter**  
*we're so glad you're here!*



HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?

## VP of Advocacy Message

Welcome to the first installment of IIDA NE's Quarterly Advocacy Newsletter!

I am excited to be able to keep in contact with our supporters and provide you all with important updates about our Advocacy efforts in New England and nationwide. We are at a pivotal moment for Interior Design legislation in New England and it is more critical than ever to be educated about Interior Design Advocacy. This Newsletter will be a vehicle for the Advocacy Committee to call our community to action, provide updates on our legislation progress, and to keep our entire community connected.

By staying informed and involved, we can work together to advocate for positive change and elevate the impact of Interior Design in our New England Community.

Thank you for your support!

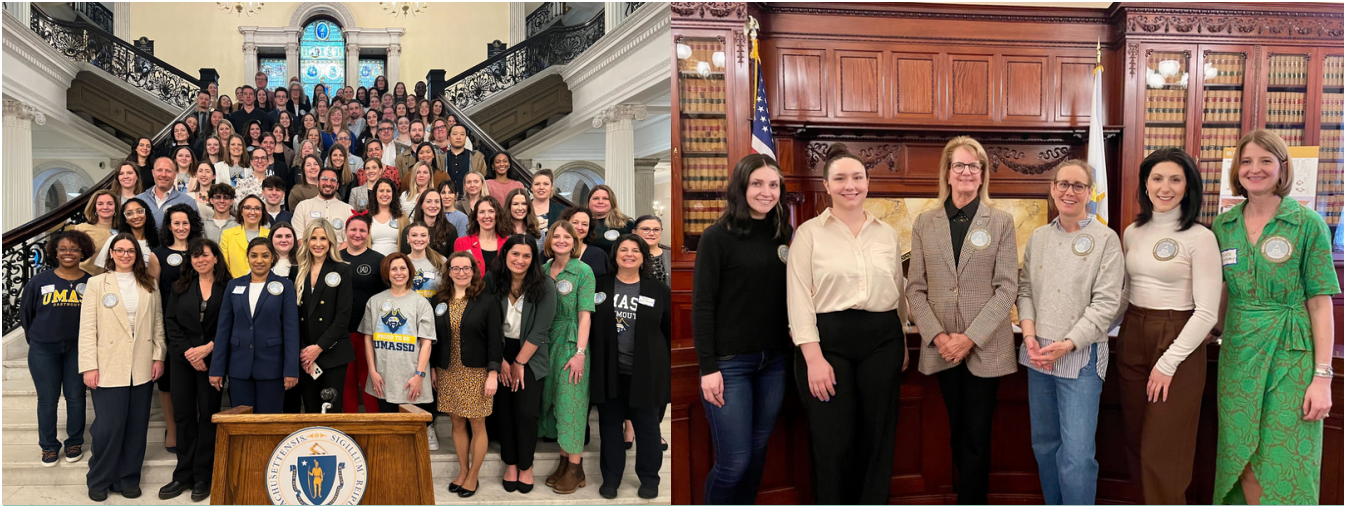
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## Business Leaders Breakfast

### SENATE PRESIDENT KAREN SPILKA

On Thursday, March 21st the Senate President joined us at the IIDA NE Business Leaders Breakfast and gave a wonderful address about all of her work in the State of Massachusetts to support women and small businesses. She was given the Award of Appreciation for all of her work in the Commonwealth. We look forward to working with her in the future to secure licensure for Interior Designers.





## Massachusetts Day on the Hill!

On Thursday, April 11th a group of designers, students, educators, and industry partners gathered in Room 222 of the State House to meet and discuss the importance of Interior Design legislation. Over 100 people joined us at this powerful gathering of individuals from our interior design community. Our lead bill sponsor, Senator Lovely, kicked off the event by sneaking out of Session to give us wonderful remarks about the importance of this legislation and why we need to pass it. From there, we divided and conquered all corners of the State House meeting with our individual legislators and their staff to ask them for their support. We were successful in bringing attention to our bill but the work is not done! If you attended the Day on the Hill, please follow up with your legislators. If you did not attend, please reach out to support on S.2408. Ask your friends, families, and neighbors to do so as well.

Let's get this done!

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### MASSACHUSETTS SENATE BILL S.2408 IS IN SENATE WAYS AND MEANS

Our bill is now undergoing a thorough review of its fiscal implications. This stage presents an opportunity for advocates to provide additional information and testimony to support the bill's passage, particularly regarding its fiscal impact and benefits to the state. We encourage you to reach out to your legislators and ask them to support S.2408

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## Nebraska

### THE 29TH STATE TO OBTAIN LICENSURE

On March 6th Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed LB 16 into law.

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# Hello Rhode Island

THIS IS BIG NEWS FOR THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY - DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!

Following the successful breakfast and bills debrief session, it's clear that sustaining engagement is key. One proposed solution is an advocacy newsletter, ensuring ongoing dialogue and involvement post-event. Moreover, the upcoming follow-up breakfast event presents an opportunity to clarify legislative goals and engage new stakeholders.

Looking ahead, we're planning a Rhode Island Legislation Workshop to further our committee's objectives. Scheduled after the bill's release, this workshop will focus on drafting and planning next steps. We're aiming for late Spring, polling the group for suitable dates, potentially in the afternoon to early evening.

As for future events, we're considering another breakfast event in June, following the workshop. This will serve to further engage stakeholders and advance our legislative efforts. Additionally, we're exploring opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders to ensure our initiatives gain traction and impact.



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