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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 3:58 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

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I am strongly opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Public Health, Safety, and Welfare will be undermined by the passage of these bills. The Owner needs to maintain a direct relationship with a qualified Professional Architecture/Engineering company that is not working directly for the Contractor.

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

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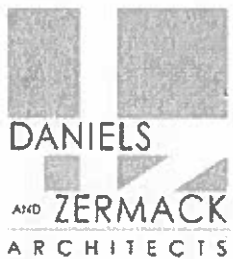
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To: Molly Wingrove
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From: Nault, Jayson <Jayson.Nault@tetratech.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 4:24 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: Opposition for House Bills 4603 & 4604

Committee Members,

I am writing with regard to the above referenced legislation as I understand it will have a hearing tomorrow in the House Regulatory Reform Committee. As a professional engineer, I wanted to let you know that I oppose the above legislation for the following reasons.

- HB 4604 bill conflicts with Article 20 of the occupational code requiring 2/3 licensure of a firm's principals in the design profession. The 2/3 licensure requirement is intended to ensure that a company is focused on the practice of engineering or architecture.
- The legislation would allow a single engineer or architect to design and supervise construction of a school. Buildings and surrounding sites are complex and require a team of professionals to implement a sound design and to implement construction. Schools have structural, mechanical, civil, geotechnical, and materials science disciplines involved in the design and construction of the building and appurtenances. Expertise in all these disciplines do not reside in a single engineer or architect.
- Design build projects work best when there are checks and balances in place such as having an Owner's professional engineering or architectural representative in place to review designs from a design-builder that hires a company meeting Article 20 of the occupational code. There is no such Owner's representation this legislation.

I am hoping that you will be in opposition to the above legislation and I appreciate your consideration.

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Molly Wingrove

From: Theresa Angelini <tangelini@angeliniarchitects.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 4:28 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: CARD

To the committee,
This is to confirm my opposition to HB4603 and HB4604. Both of these endanger the public by reducing the involvement of licensed professional architects.

Sincerely yours,

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Molly Wingrove

From: Sheila DeKryger <skdekryger@gmail.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Molly Wingrove

From: Allan Machielse <amachielse@hamilton-anderson.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: Card of Opposition - HB4603 & HB4604

I am opposed to HB4603 and HB4604.

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Molly Wingrove

From: Randy Case <rcase@aplusd.biz>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 3:20 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: card to document opposition to HB4603 and HB4604

I am opposed to HB4603 and HB4604.

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Molly Wingrove

From: Heather Teeling <hmt@lindhout.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

Dear Representative,

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 4603.

As an architect, I am concerned that the use of design-build contracting for school construction could lead to lower quality buildings. When a single entity is responsible for both the design and construction of a project, there is a risk that they may cut corners on design or construction in order to save money. This could lead to problems with the building's performance, durability, or safety.

I am also concerned that design-build contracting would reduce the architect's role in the project. In a traditional project delivery method, the architect is the prime contractor and is responsible for overseeing the work of all other contractors. In a design-build project, the architect is often relegated to a subordinate role. This can reduce the architect's ability to ensure that the building is designed and constructed to meet the needs of the client.

In addition to these concerns, I believe that House Bill 4603 is unnecessary. There is no evidence that design-build contracting is the best way to deliver school construction projects. In fact, there are many examples of successful school construction projects that have been delivered using traditional project delivery methods.

I urge you to vote against House Bill 4603. This bill is bad for our children, our schools, and our state.

Sincerely,

Heather Teeling, Architect

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Molly Wingrove

From: Barden, Eric S. <ericb@spicergroup.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 3:16 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

Hello Molly

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Thank you for your time.

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Molly Wingrove

From: Fritz Klingler <fklingler@fkengineering.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:22 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604 - - Please vote against, thanks.

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From: Mario Chiesa <mchiesa@itu.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:27 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

Representative Wingrove,

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. Please do not allow this bill to pass. The community of the AIA is strongly apprehensive to what is permitted with this bill and what it may expand into such as others have in the past. This very well may cause major shifts in the industry for architects such as control, licensing, education, funding, and pay structures.

Thank you,

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Molly Wingrove

From: Deedra Richmond <dreichmond@wtaarch.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:14 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: Opposition for HB 4603 & 4604

I am writing to express my strong OPPOSITION to House Bills 4603 & 4604, which propose changes to the licensing requirements for practicing architecture in Michigan. As a concerned designer and advocate for maintaining the integrity of the architectural profession, I believe that these bills would have detrimental effects on the industry and the quality of architectural design.

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. This is a way for construction companies to circumvent the professional practice of architecture. This action should be voted down. I have seen this process play out through the years and its not ethical or good practice, especially when public health, safety and welfare is involved.

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From: Dean Tidwell <deantaia@gmail.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove; jeffrey@sfarch.us
Subject: HB-4603 and HB-4604

Dear M. Wingrove,

As a Michigan licensed architect, I write this email to OPPOSE both of these committee Bills 4603 and 4604.

My opposition includes every fiber of my being.

Have a nice day,
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Molly Wingrove

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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 1:53 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

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Molly Wingrove

From: John Fick <john.fick.10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

John Fick

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Molly Wingrove

From: AJ Noto <AJ.Noto@smithgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Molly Wingrove

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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 1:38 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Regards,

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.
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From: Brendon Pollard <bpollard@kingscott.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 1:30 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.



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From: Lindsay Lake-Hefner <lindsaylakehefner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. Please document.

Signed:
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Employed with Michigan State University

Molly Wingrove

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

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Molly Wingrove

From: Barry Polzin <bpolzin@bjparchitects.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Architects are uniquely qualified to protect the health, safety and welfare of Michigans citizens.
These proposed bills can only compromise the health, safety and welfare of Michigan Citizens.

Barry J Polzin AIA



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Molly Wingrove

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To: Molly Wingrove
Cc: Jan Culbertson
Subject: Opposition to HB 4603 and 4604

Ms Wingrove,

I strongly oppose HB 4603 and 4604. As an architect and longtime school administrator responsible for multi-million dollar public projects for K-12 schools in Michigan, these bills would erode the profession and threaten the health, safety and welfare of our students, faculty and staff in the K-12 sector.

Every few years versions of these bills are put forward as veiled attempts to reduce costs. They would in fact increase long term costs for building owners, funnel public funds into mediocre short sighted investments, and put thousands of Michigan's children in uninspired factory farm school buildings.

I urge the committee to reject these bills outright.

Regards,

Emile Lauzzana, LEED AP, RA

Former, Executive Director, Capital Projects, Ann Arbor Public Schools

Former, Director Energy and Sustainability, Detroit Public Schools

Molly Wingrove

From: Paul Eland <peland@wahyeeassoc.com>
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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

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Molly Wingrove

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To: Molly Wingrove
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Molly Wingrove

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To: Molly Wingrove
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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.



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Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.



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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:33 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

Hello, I am an architect based in Michigan. I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. My company relies on partnering with contractors to execute on design build projects for Higher Education institutions. There is a trend for research, P3, and quality student housing buildings to be done as a Design Build. It is scary to think how cheap our campuses will look and work in the future if they are driven entirely by cost. a single architect on staff at a contractor company is not enough to defend the integrity of the project and how it addresses stakeholder needs. Our Higher Ed is one of our countries ways of bringing foreign money into the country from overseas students. The quality of our campuses capacity to teach and retain talent has to be preserved in the face of shrinking budgets. passing this law is not the solutions.

thanks
Nick Kothari RA, AIA

Molly Wingrove

From: Kyle Shaver <kshaver@towerpinkster.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

These bills allow a "design-builder" to offer professional design services if the design-build firm employs a licensed architect or engineer. Under HB 4603 & 4604, the architect/engineer is employed by the design-builder and thus is supervised by and responsible to them as an employee or by a contract. Unfortunately, the duties to the design-builder and the owner and general public can create a conflict of interest. By contrast, where the architect/engineer is under contract directly by the owner, that sort of conflict doesn't exist.

Furthermore, these bills allow a "design-builder", as defined in the bill, to complete the design and construction of public projects if they employ a licensed engineer or architect. This is in conflict with Article 20 of the occupational code that requires any firm offering professional engineering/architectural services to have 2/3 of its principals be licensed design professionals.

Sincerely,

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Molly Wingrove

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

I have been in the construction industry for over 40 years with most of that time as a registered architect. I have seen the detrimental results of abuses in the design/build process where the architect is not the final decision maker on design decisions.

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Molly Wingrove

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Molly Wingrove

From: Valeria de Jongh <valedelongh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. I'm an architecture professional based in Detroit. Thank you



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From: Tim Flintoff <tim.flintoff@4545architecture.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Regards,
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Molly Wingrove

From: Paige Spagnuolo <pspagnuol@ltu.edu>
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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

Hello Mrs. Molly Wingrove,

I am contacting you to state that I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

I am a licensed architect working in Lansing at Studio Intrigue Architects located at 1114 S. Washington Ave. #100 Lansing, MI 48910. I have been working in Architecture since 2014 and after obtaining a Master of Architecture, completing the architectural experience program, and passing 6 licensing exams, I became eligible and was licensed in January of 2022. The profession requires a high level of education and examination before individuals are entrusted with the health, safety, and welfare of the community. The proposed House Bills provide the opportunity for important design decisions to be made by individuals who have not undergone this process and may be inclined to prioritize factors outside health, safety, and welfare such as cost or time saving factors. If these bills are to pass, my concern would be for the safety of our community and the profession of architecture.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Molly Wingrove

From: Stephanie Bustraan <srdekryger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Molly Wingrove

From: Kretovic, Chris <ckretovic@fishbeck.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:02 PM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Sincerely,

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Molly Wingrove

From: Hansen, Cody <Cody.Hansen@akahn.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove
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Hello, my name is Cody Hansen. I am a design professional at the Architectural/Engineering firm Albert Kahn Associates.

Located at The Fisher Building, 3011 W Grand Boulevard, Suite 1800, Detroit, MI 48202-3000

I am strongly opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. It would be extremely detrimental to the health and safety in the building industry.

Molly Wingrove

From: holly osterhout <hao@lindhout.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:53 AM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

Dear Representative,

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 4603.

As an architect, I am concerned that the use of design-build contracting for school construction could lead to lower quality buildings. When a single entity is responsible for both the design and construction of a project, there is a risk that they may cut corners on design or construction in order to save money. This could lead to problems with the building's performance, durability, or safety.

I am also concerned that design-build contracting would reduce the architect's role in the project. In a traditional project delivery method, the architect is the prime contractor and is responsible for overseeing the work of all other contractors. In a design-build project, the architect is often relegated to a subordinate role. This can reduce the architect's ability to ensure that the building is designed and constructed to meet the needs of the client.

In addition to these concerns, I believe that House Bill 4603 is unnecessary. There is no evidence that design-build contracting is the best way to deliver school construction projects. In fact, there are many examples of successful school construction projects that have been delivered using traditional project delivery methods.

I urge you to vote against House Bill 4603. This bill is bad for our children, our schools, and our state.

Sincerely,

Holly Osterhout

Architect

Molly Wingrove

From: Nick Schmitt <nschmitt@towerpinkster.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

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From: John Whitten <john@spark43arch.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603& 4604

Good morning-

The Architecture licensing rules in Michigan are designed to ensure that the health, welfare and safety of Michigan Citizens is uncompromised by personal financial interests of design professionals. Furthermore, it ensures that the work being produced is done so under the supervision of licensed and arguably seasoned professionals who the State of Michigan has determined qualified to practice Architecture.

These bills will create a direct conflict of interest that will ultimately hurt building owners and could compromise the decision making of architects who are employed by contractors. Passage of these bills is likely to lead to situations where architects are faced with making decisions based on their own employment and personal financial situations rather than making decisions that are in the best interest of their clients, building owners and the broader Michigan public.

The work of architects impacts the lives of every single Michigander every single day. This is exactly why the rules in their current form exist in the first place.

A clear and distinct division of responsibility is paramount to ensuring that the public welfare is always the highest priority of architects practicing professionally in our state.

It is critical that professionals (both licensed and unlicensed) in this state are not faced with a conflict of interest while practicing their craft. If employed by a contractor, architects currently face a situation where the will of their employers outweigh the good of the people. An architect's personal financial stability should never outweigh the good of the people, it is why our professionals go through as much training as we do. It is why every state in the country requires on the job training, licensure and continuing education. These bills will immediately strip the checks and balances that are currently in place to protect the health and welfare of our citizens.

These bills will hurt small businesses throughout the state. More than 80% of architecture firms in this country are small businesses and the Architecture firm landscape in Michigan is no different. The majority of us employ less than ten people. We are a profession of small and/or micro businesses that rely on small projects to survive. These are the same projects that many construction firms are currently competing for with their in-house design departments.

Passage of these bills, in addition to being a detriment to public safety, will also have a direct and immediate impact on all of the small firms that actively contribute to our communities and who provide stable jobs for our employees. Construction firms with in-house design services routinely undercut small architecture firms to win work by offering dramatically reduced or completely free design services. These construction firms then turn around and recover lost design revenue by increasing the cost of construction for their clients. This practice further erodes the checks and balances for building owners undertaking projects. Architects are ethically and contractually obligated to act in the best interest of the owner and would otherwise be expected to question inflated construction costs and challenge construction fees and costs that were out of line with the broader market. Architects employed by construction firms find themselves in a direct conflict of interest every single day since their income is directly tied to the building construction rather than design revenue. As a result it is impossible for architects employed by contractors to be impartial or act fully in the best interest of their clients.

We have been approached by construction firms twice with offers to buy our company and bring us under their corporate umbrella. And, while it would have been financially lucrative for us to sell or join a construction firm, the reasons above are among the reasons we ultimately declined each offer.

I am vehemently opposed to HB 4603 & 4604 and urge our elected officials to maintain the separation of responsibility in building design and construction industries.

Sincerely,

John

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Molly Wingrove

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

Hello,

I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604. This can cause a conflict of interest between for the licensed engineer/architect being employed by the design builder, in that they are under contract with the contractor and not the owner.

In addition, this proposed legislation is in conflict with Article 20 of the occupational code that requires any firm offering professional engineering/architectural services to have 2/3 of its principals be licensed design professionals. Sec. 339.2010. (1) A firm may engage in the practice of architecture, professional engineering, or professional surveying in this state, if not less than 2/3 of the principals of the firm are licensees.

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Molly Wingrove

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Subject: Card of opposition to HB4603 and 4604

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Dear Molly Wingrove – I am writing to express my strong opposition to both bills HB4603 & HB4604 as they are detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public and the practice of architecture.

Thank you,

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Design-builders need to be supervised by Architects and Engineers independently hired by the owner to avoid conflicts or interest or the appearance of the same. This is particularly the case when constructing public facilities such as schools. An Architect or Engineer hired directly by the Design-Builder has a potential conflict that can be easily avoided by having the design professional employed by the owner (school board, etc.)

Thanks

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Molly Wingrove

From: Justine Zack <jzack@towerpinkster.com>
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Dear Molly Wingrove,

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I am opposed to HB 4603 & 4604.

Thank you,

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From: Ryan Johnston <bjz6817@yahoo.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: Professional Engineer OPPOSITION for HB 4603 & 4604

Hi Molly:

I am writing in opposition to HB 4603 and 4604 Design Build for Schools.

I have personally witnessed several new school failures in Northern Michigan due to improper design loading for snow loads.

We have also experienced improper design of school building components in our community as well as roof failure.

Our community experienced roof failure in an elementary school for the second time due to improper design. These failures occurred while the buildings were occupied under snow loading.

Safety of our school buildings should require engineer and architect seals for structures and envelopes. The fact that schools only need to meet Fire Code is terrifying. We should be heading for tighter design controls and actually meeting the Michigan Building Code not heading away from oversight.

Schools are where many people congregate during natural disasters. These buildings that house many students and act as emergency shelters should have a higher factor of safety.

Allowing engineers to be under contractor employment will create more areas for negligent design to save money for more profit. Engineers will be pressured to agree to a lesser factor of safety.

Engineers and architects must be held accountable to meet the Michigan Building Code for schools but that is a different legislative issue.

Thank you for your time,

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Molly Wingrove

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Thank you,

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