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**GOV. RITTER'S VETO MESSAGE ON SENATE BILL 84**

June 1, 2007

The Honorable Colorado State Senate  
66 General Assembly  
First Regular Session  
State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am filing with the Secretary of State Senate Bill 07-84, "Concerning the Creation of a Database for Interior Designers and Making an Appropriation Therefore." I vetoed this bill as of \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. and this letter sets forth my reasons for doing so.

Senate Bill 84 would require the State Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Professional Land Surveyors to create a database of interior designers who have obtained a private certification and who voluntarily register.

The statutory purpose of professional licensure is to ensure a minimum level of competency and practice standards for a profession in order to protect the public. Proponents of this legislation contend the purpose of this bill is to simplify the process for interior designers to obtain a building permit. However, local building departments already have the ability to issue building permits to qualified persons and businesses. More importantly, this regulation does not have a public safety element.

Interior designers are not trained to create or modify plans that involve the structural soundness of a commercial, industrial, or multi-family building. The construction or modification of those building types requires the expertise of a licensed architect or engineer. Currently, building departments will review plans for other types of projects when submitted by non-licensed individuals. This bill does nothing to change those existing practices.

A designer's education, experience, and private certification demonstrate a high level of expertise in his or her field. However, I believe that it is inappropriate to use powers of the state to provide the type of additional recognition provided for in Senate Bill 84.

Accordingly, I have vetoed this bill.

Sincerely,

Bill Ritter Jr.