



February 8, 2024

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director
Andrew Olson, Management Analyst
Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Sigurdson and Mr. Olson,

We are writing today to offer our support for the rule amendment proposed by ACEC/MN to clarify that specified activities by design professionals licensed under MN Statutes 326.02 through 326.25 do not require registration as a lobbyist. Architects, like engineers, work regularly with government entities at the state, county, and local levels, and want to ensure that design work engaging with political subdivisions in the general course of business is not considered lobbying.

We respectfully ask that the Rulemaking committee adopt one of the proposed options from ACEC/MN as part of your Chapter 4511 rule update.

We appreciate the efforts of the Campaign Finance Board to clarify regulations and provide advisory opinions to professionals who wish to remain in compliance with the new law and are happy to provide further insight on our specific interactions where that is useful.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary-Margaret Zindren".

Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE
Executive Vice President, AIA Minnesota

AIA Minnesota
105 5th Avenue South
Suite 485
Minneapolis, MN
55401

T (612) 338 6763
F (612) 338 7981

www.aia-mn.org