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The Honorable Michael Lawler
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of Architecture Organizations Alliance and the broader architecture community, thank you for introducing the *Professional Student Degree Act* and for your leadership in restoring federal loan limits for graduate and professional students.

America's economy depends on skilled professionals who turn private investment and community development goals into real projects that create jobs, housing, and stronger local economies. By restoring access to reasonable federal loan options for students in accredited professional programs, your bill helps ensure a steady pipeline of licensed architects who can keep projects moving without costly delays.

We especially appreciate that your legislation corrects the unintended consequences of narrowly defining "professional" programs in federal law, which has imposed borrowing caps disconnected from the actual cost of professional education. These limits have made it harder for qualified students in high-demand, fields to enter careers that fuel private-sector growth. By ensuring that more of these programs can access the existing professional-level loan caps, your bill helps align federal policy with labor-market needs and supports a stronger, more productive economy.

The alliance is proud to stand with you in advancing this pro-growth, pro-opportunity legislation. We look forward to working with your office to move the *Professional Student Degree Act* through Congress and to supporting the students and communities who depend on a robust professional workforce to keep America building and growing.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to empowering the next generation of professionals who strengthen our economy and communities every day.

Sincerely,

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