



February 8, 2022

Ms. Julie Gonzales, Chair  
Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: SB22-076: Complaint Occupational License Official Acts**

Dear Chairwoman Gonzales and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of AIA Colorado, the Colorado chapter of the American Institute of Architects, in support of SB22-076 to dismiss occupational and licensing complaints against individuals acting in their capacity as a public official. In addition to our advocacy efforts as an organization, the AIA encourages architects to run for office and serve on boards and commissions. Colorado architects have been state legislators, mayors, and city council members in addition to serving on numerous boards and commissions across the state.

Architects have experience in numerous areas relevant to holding public office. But most importantly with respect to SB22-076, AIA Colorado members span the political spectrum and every architect has a unique set of skills and experiences. Issues important to the profession are non-partisan and architects who become public servants do so because of their own desire to serve and to bring their personal perspective.

We take our charge of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public seriously and license complaints against architects are an important accountability tool. However, those complaints must be limited to the practice of architecture and professional obligations detailed in our practice act. Filing a complaint against a licensed professional for their words and actions as public officials only serves as an attack on that individual. This bill will protect architects and others who wish to give back as a public servant. We ask the committee to vote in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikolaus Remus".

Nikolaus Remus, AIA  
AIA Colorado Advocacy Engagement Director

Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Thomas Fawell For Self	I strongly back and support this bill I have served on the Tri-County Board of Health since 2003 and have, of late, been subjected to an unwarranted challenge simply because of that service. An "anonymous" citizen or citizens, apparently at odds with Public Health Orders, filed complaints against doctors and nurses on the Board. DORA is obligated to investigate all such complaints and I have witnessed the anxiety and distress this has caused amongst my colleagues. Without cause and evidence of anything other than a difference of opinion, anyone can file such a complaint and open an investigation. Such complaints should be summarily dismissed and not lead to wasting the time of DORA or any other state licensing agency.