

# CCVID

## COUNCIL FOR VIRGINIA CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

**December 16, 2011**

CCVID arranged a meeting with our lobbying team and Governor McDonnell's policy staff on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposal to decertify interior design in Virginia. We assembled a diverse group of designers representing a wide cross section of the industry from commercial to residential, corporate to healthcare, senior living to hospitality, and included educators, small business owners, and sole proprietors. The team also included designers employed within architecture firms as well as those who practice independently, and included members of ASID and IIDA.

The intent of the meeting was to inform and raise awareness of the role of Certified Interior Designers, clarify what we do, how we help protect the public, and identify barriers to business that decertification would create.

We presented a strong and well-argued case, and we believe the policy staff left the meeting far better informed of the issue and its many ramifications.

As it stands, the governor's recommendation has not changed. However this issue has not yet been assigned to a legislator for introduction as a Bill. (At least as far as we are aware).

Once introduced as a Bill (should the issue move forward) we will work to lobby the legislature to defeat this issue in committee.

The legislature will take up new Bills in January.

We will provide updates on our progress and encourage everyone to continue to reach out and spread awareness of this issue.

Thank you all for your help and support, and stay tuned for upcoming action items and more ways you can assist this effort.

For your reference, attached is a link that offers some insight into the Virginia Legislative process.

[http://www.virginia.edu/governmentalrelations/leg\\_process\\_presentation.pdf](http://www.virginia.edu/governmentalrelations/leg_process_presentation.pdf)