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I (we) are writing to encourage your support of the *Accessible Design Accreditation Initiative* (ADAI), sponsored by the Great Plains ADA Center, University of Missouri. The ADAI proposes that all university and college architectural and interior design programs integrate new academic learning objectives based on the foundational principles of the *2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*, the applicable *International Code Council* model codes, and the *ICC/ANSI.A117.1 Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*. These objectives focus on a broader understanding and more robust application of accessible design principles.

We urge you to join the *U.S. Access Board, the International Code Council, the ICCA117 Committee, The American Society of Interior Designers, the Association of Licensed Architects, The State of California Division of the State Architect*, all ten *National ADA Centers* and almost 40 other national agencies and leaders currently supporting the ADAI. We ask that you assist the Great Plains ADA Center in procuring an invitation to participate in the *National Architectural Accrediting Board's* upcoming Architectural Review Forum, placing the ADAI on the agenda for that conference. As a leader in architecture and education, your influence in advancing college and university curricula in architectural design is pivotal to ensuring graduates, interns and professionals are educated with learning objectives that literally affect every design firm and construction project while impacting ADA litigation across the U.S.

Most importantly, your contribution with these dozens of international and national agencies and people toward bettering the lives of the largest minority in the US – people with disabilities – cannot be measured. With your involvement we can positively impact and improve millions of people's lives, and the industries of architecture and education for decades into the future.

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Feel free to contact me for any questions

Sincerely,

Signed _____