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The Honorable [Representative / Senator Name]
[Office Address]

Dear [Representative / Senator Name],

I am writing to share concerns about the U.S. Department of Education's recent decision to exclude architecture from the list of professional graduate degrees eligible for higher federal student lending limits. This decision may unintentionally restrict access to a profession that plays a vital role in safeguarding public health, safety, and community wellbeing.

Architecture is one of the few licensed professions in which practitioners bear responsibility for the safety of the public in every building they design. Most states require or strongly prefer an accredited professional degree for licensure, and many aspiring architects rely on federal loans to complete these programs. Excluding architecture from expanded lending limits will likely force students toward higher interest private loans and may discourage talented individuals from entering or remaining in the field.

A strong and diverse architectural profession matters. Our communities depend on architects who understand local needs, advance sustainable practices, and create spaces that support learning, healing, and daily life. Reducing access to architectural education could limit the profession's ability to serve those needs effectively.

I respectfully ask that the Department of Education reconsider this decision or provide clarifying guidance that supports equitable pathways into architecture. Doing so will help ensure that future architects are not burdened by financial barriers to the education required to protect the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]