



AIA Michigan Members:

It is a great pleasure to be able to report that Michigan Senate Bill 465 has been signed into law. SB 465 is a bill that allows architects and engineers to file liens against a property for unpaid professional fees without the requirement that some construction must occur on the project. As you may know, up until now our liens were only able to be 'Mechanics Liens' meaning some physical work had to occur before one could lien a property. SB 465 was specifically tailored to support professionals whose design work is mostly complete before any physical changes are begun on a project.

You should also know that this effort was not easy, or quick. It has long been clear to the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) that a design professional should be able to use a lien, if needed, to recoup unpaid fees even if work did not begin. It seems only fair. Nevertheless, getting this bill sponsored, considered, and passed was a multi-year effort by AIAMI's GAC along with our engineer and surveyor colleagues, as all of you who have attend recent Legislative Days know well. All of us have been working on this for a long time, which is sometimes what it takes to make positive change.

So today we get to celebrate this positive change...and what AIAMI has done for you lately.

Chuck Bultman, AIA,  
Co-Chair of the AIA Government Affairs Committee.

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APAC has been hard at work providing financial support for State Legislator friends of AIA Michigan. This past election season APAC contributed \$8,450 toward 35 campaigns, both republican and democrat, and 100% of the candidates we supported were elected into public office. This is great for AIA Michigan architects as it helps us to continue to have a positive impact on issues in Lansing that affect our membership and industry. But this work never stops. As our Government Affairs Committee is constantly monitoring and interacting with things happening in our State Legislator, and APAC needs to continue to focus on raising funds to support the interest of AIA Michigan. To do so we need everyone to help out. There's no magic amount, a donation to APAC of any dollar amount is helpful. Our goal is to get all AIA Michigan members involved with contributing, and if we can do that, we can help to ensure that our interests are properly represented in our state government.

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