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Robert A. Ivy FAIA
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Dear Mr. Ivy:

On behalf of the Boston Society of Architects/AIA I am writing to share our shock and disappointment with last week's post-election statement expressing the Institute's willingness to work with President-elect Trump and members of the 115th Congress. While we support the need for design professionals and AIA members to work together to move the country forward, and the country's need to address failing infrastructure, this statement fails to acknowledge the serious contradictions between the Trump campaign and the AIA's own mission and values. The conciliatory and congratulatory tone of last week's message in response to the election is at odds with the very goals and values articulated by the AIA. We agree with the *Architect's Newspaper*. It would be irresponsible and reprehensible to "ignore the role design and designers could play in instituting and perpetuating the inequality inherent in the racist patriarchy Trump's ideology embodies."

We wish to reaffirm our commitment to AIA's goals of Diversity and Inclusion, Sustainability, and Resiliency, and the fundamental belief that architects have the skills and resources to serve the greater needs of our communities. We believe this is the message we should be sending to both President-elect Trump and the 115th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara M. Roy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Tamara Roy AIA
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