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Re: Federal Architecture Style Mandates

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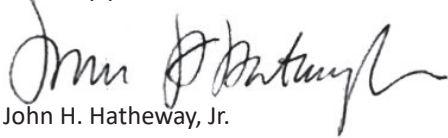
The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture firmly opposes the Draft Executive Order that would direct architects to use traditional or classical styles for new federal buildings and renovations.

In 1962, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then an aide to President John F. Kennedy, prepared a white paper, "[Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture](#)." This clear and concise document has admirably served the United States for nearly 58 years and we see no credible reason to change it.

The Moynihan document states, in part: "The development of an official style must be avoided. Design must flow from the architectural profession to the Government. and not vice versa. The Government should be willing to pay some additional cost to avoid excessive uniformity in design of Federal buildings."

This effort to mandate a rigid set of styles is antithetical to the values we hold as architects and as Americans.

Sincerely yours,



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