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**From:** Charles Kenny  
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**Subject:** EO562

Good afternoon,

My name is Charles Kenny. I live in Stockbridge with my wife, Barbara, in a two-story home. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to express my views concerning Pneumatic Home Elevator systems which I understand are currently approved and utilized in many states, but not in Massachusetts.

We encourage you to support regulation changes that will permit such elevators to be used in Massachusetts.

My wife has arthritis in both knees, as well as a heart problem, and has a great deal of trouble going up and down stairs. She is facing knee replacements because we do not have the space to move our bedroom and bath downstairs. Our alternative would be to move from our home of 35 years. The standard elevators have too big a footprint and require significant home remodeling. We have looked at the pneumatic home elevator and it seems just right for our circumstances.

I think it is more than a little ironic that the issue is under the oversight of the Department of Public Safety and has not yet been approved. For one thing, my wife nearly fell down the stairs the other day; she faces significant risks if she undergoes knee replacement surgery because she cannot climb stairs.

But more importantly, I can speak from the experience of having been a licensed orthopaedic surgeon in the Commonwealth since 1980. Many of my patients will profit from the option of a relatively cheap, easy-to-install elevator system instead of having to be forced to undergo surgery primarily for knee pain due to the wear and tear caused by stair climbing.

Once again, we encourage you to support regulation changes that will permit such elevators to be used in Massachusetts.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my point of view.

Charles Kenny MD