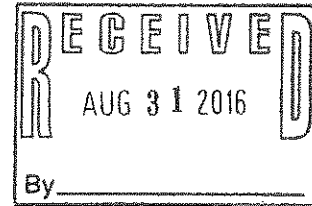

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From: Leslie Ament [n
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Department of Safety:

As someone covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, I cannot fathom why the Massachusetts Department of Public safety refuses to approve/allow reasonably priced residential elevators to be installed in one's home?

Pneumatic elevators comply under a newer code AMSE A17.1 version 2007 (under the A17.7 compliance). Although this elevator has proven to be a safe, economically priced solution for many homeowners throughout the United States and Internationally, the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety refuses to allow this product to be installed in Massachusetts.

In addition, shaft-less residential elevators such as though offered by Stiltz and Terry Lifts are not allowed as well.

It strikes me as strange, that only residential elevators priced above \$75,000US are approved for use in Massachusetts, while most other US states and numerous other European countries have approved lower priced options such as Stiltz, Terry Lifts (\$15,000) and Vision 350 Pneumatic Vacuum Elevators (\$45,000).

Over 8,000 units have been installed with no accidents reported. Our neighboring states such as Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire allow this product.

These affordable residential elevator options have proven to be safe in other states and countries. If Massachusetts refuses to allow those of us with mobility issues a safe and affordable option, perhaps it has more to do with protectionism relating to the reduction in installation time, and maintenance fees that accrue to licensed contractors?

I sincerely hope these elevators are approved quickly under A17.7 compliance and other pertinent documentation such as safety reports.

Dr. Leslie Ament