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**Subject:** Pneumatic Elevators

Dear Mr Carlin,

Since we are now in the 21st century, it is time for Massachusetts to update its elevator code. It is important for people to be able to fit elevators into older buildings where there is insufficient space to place elevators with shafts. Pneumatic elevators are a viable solution when limited space exists.

Not only are Pneumatic Elevators helpful for people with physical handicaps but they are an excellent resource for people as they age so they can remain in their own homes. Since I recently officially became a senior citizen, I think more about accommodating my environment to my life style. Right now, I need to walk up two and a half flights to get to my abode and am fortunate to be healthy. Still, I worry about possible situations that could change my flexibility. Besides, I have friends and relatives who cannot visit because they are unable to climb these steps. Having an elevator in the building would resolve this issue.

A unique factor of Pneumatic elevators is that they take up about half the room of elevators with shafts. We are fortunate to be a part of the 21st Century where these inventions have been developed. People in other states in New England are already safely using these elevators. The people of Massachusetts who live either in their own homes or in multi dwelling buildings deserve to have the option to buy Pneumatic Elevators to make their places accessible for all people with or without disabilities.

Please update the elevator code to AMSE A17.1 version 2007.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rachel Silver

