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From: Tammy Musto

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To: DPSinfo (DPS)

Subject: EO562 - Pneumatic Home Elevators In Mass

Dear Commissioner Carlin,

I am very disappointed to hear that the DPS recently denied the installation of a Pneumatic Home Elevator in Cambridge, MA. This home elevator seemed like a perfect fit for my elderly mother who has problems climbing stairs and would like to remain in her 2 story home. The traditional style home elevators are not feasible nor are they affordable for her circumstance. Her home does not have the space for a full size shaft way.

From what I understand, Mass follows a very outdated elevator code (ASME A17.1 version 2004) and the Pneumatic Elevator conforms to a newer version of ASME A17.1 2007. Why is Massachusetts following such an old code that is prohibiting new innovative products that can potential keep the elderly in their homes longer?

This is very disappointing to our family. It doesn't seem fair that the Department of Public Safety can tell my mother what she can and can't have in her home especially when this product has been deemed safe in our surrounding states.

I thought Massachusetts was the leading state for technology and science? Why are we so behind other states, such as Rhode Island, that allow this product?

I'm looking forward to your response.

Sincerely, Tammy Musto