

**MetroWest
Center For
Independent Living**

**People with Disabilities
Living in the Community**



We need your support!

Dear Paul,

As we celebrate Independence Day, the disability community has unfinished business. One bill in particular stands out.

We ask for your help in encouraging the State Senate to pass [Bill 1869](#) An Act Relative to the Architectural Access Board (AAB). In layman's terms, this bill will allow the AAB to revise the Massachusetts regulations so that they are in compliance with the 2010 Americans with Disability Standards. Today, MA is out of sync, and has allowed inaccessible buildings to be constructed.

Two areas in particular will be helped by this bill. First, MA regulations do not cover employee areas. A business is required to build its public areas as accessible, but not its employee areas! So first of all, *passage of 1869 will create more*

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jobs for people with disabilities by ensuring that employee areas are accessible. Second, we have also fallen behind on Fair Housing regulations, so this bill will also *expand housing options through greater accessibility*.

I urge you to call your State Senator and the Senate President, Therese Murray (617-722-1500) and ask them politely to pass Senate Bill 1869 as soon as possible. 24 years have passed since the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If we can't pass Bill 1869 in 2014, shame on us.

Sincerely,

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Download the [fact sheet](#) about 1869.

You can locate contact information for your state senator at wheredoivotema.com.

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