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To the Building Standards Commission,

Please address the lack of proper procedure and the abridgement of the public participation in the development of proposed standards to provide accessible housing for persons with disabilities and to bring CA building standards into compliance with Federal law.

I support the position taken by Disability Rights California regarding the important proposed access standards for housing which were deleted after being approved the Division of the State Architect's Access Code Collaborative and the CA Building Standards Commission Access Advisory Committee.

I am also extremely concerned about the extreme number of townhomes being built in my area. We are heading into a crisis with these inaccessible homes. Persons who become mobility disabled often wind up living on the bottom floor by the garage with no access to the upper levels. We need to set standards that require a percentage of homes that are flats! One elevator and emergency staircase can serve 6 units in the same footprint at 6 townhomes. Three flats on each side of the elevator will allow people to age in place.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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