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112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 91 I-H

Recognizing the need to improve physical access to many United States postal facilities for all people in the United States in particular disabled citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the need to improve physical access to many United States postal facilities for all people in the United States in particular disabled citizens.

Whereas in 2009, 12 percent of all United States citizens reported some disability;

Whereas in 2008, 16.9 percent of veterans, amounting to over 13,000,000 United States citizens, reported a service related disability to the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, the number of United States citizens reporting a disability is at a 20-year high;

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Whereas the Architectural Barriers Act, was first enacted in 1968 to ensure that certain federally funded facilities are designed and constructed to be accessible to people with disabilities and requires that public buildings, including post offices and other Federal facilities, have at least one handicap accessible path and entrance;

Whereas automatic doors, though not mandated by either the Architectural Barriers Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act, provide a greater degree of self-sufficiency and dignity for disabled United States citizens, as well as the frail elderly who have limited strength to open a manual door;

Whereas a report commissioned by the Access Board, an independent Federal agency created to ensure access to federally funded facilities, recommends that all new buildings used by the public should have at least one automated door at an accessible entrance, with an exception for small buildings where adding such a door may be a financial hardship for building owners;

Whereas States and municipalities have begun to recognize the importance of automatic doors in approving accessibility as Connecticut State law requires automatic doors in certain shopping malls and retail businesses, Delaware requires an automatic door or calling device for newly constructed places of accommodation, and the District of Columbia has a similar requirement;

Whereas the U.S. General Services Administration's Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service requires automation of at least one exterior door for all newly constructed or renovated General Service Administration facilities, including post offices;

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Whereas over the past 5 years, 71 percent of complaints received by the Access Board regarding the Architectural Barriers Act have concerned a post office or other postal facility;

Whereas the Postal Service employs 596,000 people, making it the Nation's second-largest civilian employer;

Whereas 7,000,000 people a day visit one of the over 36,400 post offices in the United States; and

Whereas the United States was founded on principles of equality and freedom, and these laws ensure that all citizens, even those with disabilities, are able to engage as equal members of society: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the immense hardships that dis-
4 abled United States citizens must overcome every-
5 day;

6 (2) reaffirms its support of the Architectural
7 Barriers Act and the Americans with Disabilities
8 Act and full compliance of the laws;

9 (3) recommends that the United States Postal
10 Service and other public agencies install power-as-
11 sisted doors to ensure equal access to all citizens;
12 and

13 (4) pledges to continue to work to identify and
14 rectify the barriers that are preventing all United

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- 1 States citizens from having equal access to the serv-
- 2 ices provided by the Federal Government.



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We would be delighted to invite you take part in one of our meetings in the near future. This would be arranged at a time and place of your choosing, but you may want to visit New Horizons Village -- a very special independent living community.

With much appreciation, respect and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Keith Mullinar
Co-chair

Gary Gross
Co-chair

Cc: Donald DeFronzo, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services; Pasquale J. Salemi, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services; Joseph Cassidy, Acting State Building Inspector; Lisa Caron, Project Director, ADA Coalition of CT.; Calvin Bunnell, President, CT. Chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans; Mike Fitts, Director, CTCOSH; Melissa Marshall, Executive Director CTBLN



Dannel P. Malloy
GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

February 16, 2012

Keith Mullinar and Gary Gross
9-K Talcott Glen Road
Farmington, CT 06032

Dear Keith Mullinar and Gary Gross:

Thank you for your letter expressing the concerns of the Citizens' Coalition for Equal Access. Since the time when you first wrote the letter, Commissioner DeFronzo has been named the Connecticut State Coordinator for ADA Compliance.

My office has forwarded your letter to Commissioner DeFronzo's office, which has directed it to the proper division to address your concerns.

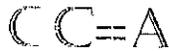
Thank you for taking the time to write me. I appreciate hearing your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy".

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

DPM/ms



CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL ACCESS
9-K TALCOTT GLEN ROAD
FARMINGTON, CT 06032

June 3, 2010

William L. Evans, Jr.
Chief of Fiscal & Administrative Services
Department of Environmental Protection
State of Connecticut
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your reply to my letter dated May 1, 2010 making a formal complaint concerning the lack of equal access for all to major state agencies located at 79 Elm Street.

While you are no doubt correct regarding the legal limitations of the ADA law and the historical preservation status of the building, you are behind the times culturally and technically. Your offer to have persons in wheelchairs somehow (how?) contact the security guard to help them in is not in keeping with the general change in our culture toward inclusiveness, diversity and dignity for all.

Our Citizens Committee for Equal Access (CC=A) has fought for several years to get power-assisted doors installed in the U.S. post offices in Farmington. Our struggle began with a meeting with U.S. postal officials in which these officials offered to install a bell so wheelchair patrons could ring for help. Our committee members derisively rejected this idea. We wanted power doors, and I am pleased to say we succeeded. (See the enclosed article from The Valley Press concerning Unionville. We expect to celebrate installation of power-assisted doors in the Main Street post office on June 23.)

We hope to succeed in getting power added to the historic doors of 79 Elm Street as well. That this is a feasible thing technically and esthetically is suggested by the following quote included in an e-mail from Frank Luke, President, Stanley Access Technologies -- a worldwide supplier of access and security equipment based in Farmington.

"I am not familiar with the doors at 79 Elm Street but almost any door can be automated. The most common challenge for historic sites typically involves the aesthetics as this is often a personal judgment if the product takes away from the beauty of the original doors. There are a variety of ways to reduce this impact such as painted headers or even wood clad header covers. There are other products such as recessed floor operators that are mounted under the door threshold with the door arm recessed into the bottom of the door making the units 100% invisible to the users..."

Should you raise the issue of budget in response to this request, I'll quote what one our committee members, Gary Gross, ~~of CC=A~~ says: "All my life I have lived with multiple handicaps and it gets tiresome hearing people talk about the budget when they don't want to make things easier. You know what? There is always a budget. It depends on what it's for." Mr. Gross is blind and uses a wheelchair.

It would be excellent if you add "the powers that be" would find the budget for power doors at 79 Elm Street and put the project out for bid.

Sincerely,

Ray Eiling
Member CC=A

CC Governor M. Todd Bell
Igor Sikorski, Jr., Ruth Grobe, Keith Mullinar,
Gary Gross and other members of CC=A

RESPONDENT'S EXHIBIT 6

StanleyBlack&Decker, Inc.

Selling Division:
 STANLEY ACCESS TECH LLC
 65 Scott Swamp Road
 Farmington, CT 06032
 Fed ID # 56-250553

Please Remit To:
 Stanley Access Tech LLC
 Post Office Box 0371595
 Pittsburgh, PA
 15251-7595



INVOICE

Invoice No.	901403212
Invoice Date	05/26/2011
Invoice Due Dt	06/25/2011
Currency	USD
If Paid By:	06/25/2011
Pay Thin Amt	\$3,185.00

Sales Order #/Contract #	4730254	Total Invoice Amount	\$3,185.00	Carrier	
Customer Order Date	04/28/2011	Sales Territory Number	IS0999	Bill of Lading	
Customer Order Number	SHANE MULREADY	Shipping Facility	Easton, MA	Pro Number	
		Terms	Net 30		
		F.O.B.	FOB		
		Print & Add - FOB Origin			

SERVUS MANAGEMENT
 79 ELM STREET
 HARTFORD CT 06106

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECT
 79 ELM ST
 HARTFORD CT 06106

APPROVED BY: Shane Mulready
 DATE: 5/26/11 AMOUNT: \$ 3,185
 PROPERTY: 79 Elm
 ACCOUNTING: colle
 CK#: _____ CKDATE: _____

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Bill to No. 10161149

Ship to No. 10394567

Page 1 of 1	Invoice Number	901403212	Customer Account Number and Name	0161149 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECT	Tel: 860-677-2851	
					Fax: 860-679-6426	
Ln.	Material Number	Qty	UoM	Material Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	313852	2	EA	OPERATOR-MAGIC FORCE		
2	907321251	2	EA	ARM-DOOR VISIBLE OUT PKG DRK BRZ		
3	907330115	2	EA	KOD-TIE VISIBLE 12 1/2 OUT DRK BRZ		
4	313975	1	EA	KIT-MC521-M/FORCE DUAL		
5	907584801-2	1	EA	HDR PKG VIE SPC LEN-31-101		
6	713029-1	2	EA	PUSH PLATE HND CAP 4ROUND LARGO		
7	316074	2	EA	PUSH PLATE SURFACE BOX LARGO		
8	413753	1	EA	MODULE TIMING/FREQUENCING		
9	CL4483	1	EA	REA 1010433 DIGITAL RECEIVER, 433MHZ		
10	CL4490	2	EA	REA 1010433BY TRANSM 433MHZ 9V BATTERY		
11	ACINSTALLER		SVC	ACCESS INSTALLATION RENOVATION		
12	WARRANTY-R		SVC	ACCESS WARRANTY RENOVATION		
13	TRAVEL-R		SVC	ACCESS TRAVEL RENOVATION		
					Sub-Total	\$3,185.00
PAYMENT YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD DUAL 1-800-2-ACCESS OR CONTACT US BY EMAIL AT SALES@STANLEYWORKS.COM FURNISH AND INSTALL AUTOMATIC DOOR EQUIPMENT AT THE ABOVE MENTIONED LOCATION. For billing questions call 800-722-2377 ext. 5; fax to 866-231-6250; or email us at SSBilling@stanleyworks.com						
This is to certify that merchandise listed in this invoice has been produced in compliance with all requirements of sect. 6, 7 & 12 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, and of regulations and orders of the United States Dept. of Labor issued under sect. 14 thereof. All that of loss with respect to the goods sold hereunder will pass to the buyer upon delivery to carrier.					Transportation/Buildg	
Please Print Name, Title, and Address THANK YOU FOR LEASING OUR SERVICES					Tax	
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