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**MetroWest  
Center For  
Independent Living**

**People with Disabilities  
Living in the Community**

## **AAB Hearing this Thursday**

*Please attend this hearing and share your opinion with legislators. The hearing officially begins at 1:00 p.m. but plan to arrive by noon to sign in!*

**When:**

Thursday, September 12 from 12-3 p.m.

**Where:**

Massachusetts State House  
Room A-2  
Boston

**From the Disability Policy Consortium:**

"This hearing is extremely important. A strong and effective Architectural Access Board (AAB) is critical to our civil rights as people with disabilities.

We, as a community, have been fighting for 20 years to pass this bill. We are opposed by powerful forces, mainly Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) and NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Industry Organization).

We need you to come and speak about why we need a strong AAB, why we need equivalency between our rules and the ADA. For more information contact Lenny Somervell or Harry Weissman at [lsomervell@dpcma.org](mailto:lsomervell@dpcma.org) or [hweissman@dpcma.org](mailto:hweissman@dpcma.org). "

Attached is more information on why this bill is so important:  
[new\\_aab\\_fact\\_sheet.docx](#).

**From Jennifer Lee, Systems Advocate at STAVROS:**

"Please submit written testimony to the Chairs of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, [Chairman Naughton](#) and [Chairman Moore](#). Click on <https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J22/191> to see the remaining committee members.

Also, don't forget to encourage your local [representative and senator](#) to show their support for the AAB Bill! Please encourage them to attend the hearing. They can also submit a letter of support to the Public Safety Committee in advance of the hearing as well. "

[AAB\\_Template.docx](#) can be used as a starting point for written testimony.

Sincerely,  
Paul Spooner, Executive Director

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