

Your Letterhead

PLEASE SUPPORT BILL A05333/S2829

Creating a tax credit for owners of residential buildings to retrofit homes for access to the disabled.

Date

The Honorable (Insert Assemblyperson or Senator Name) <http://nyassembly.gov/mem/email/> or
<https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

Address

Dear

Introduce yourself or your organization. Personal stories a plus.

I am writing to ask that you help to pass Bill # A5333/S2829

Home modifications may involve converting or adapting your environment so you can live independently. Examples of home modifications include replacing regular door handles with ones that open by using a push button; adding handrails on both sides of a staircase and outside steps; installing stair lifts, ramps or elevators for so you can come and go from your home by wheelchair or scooter; modifications to interior passage doors providing enough room to pass through with a wheelchair or walker; building a walk-in shower; reinforcing bathroom walls to allow for the installation of grab bars and lowering kitchen counters; installing light switches and outlets in locations accessible to disabled persons. These types of home modifications enable people with disabilities and older adults to “age in place”.

These home modifications are not covered by any type of insurance or government benefits. The costs for many minor home modifications and repairs can cost between \$150 and \$2,000. Major renovations can run into the tens of thousands.

The purpose of this legislation is to help seniors and their families offset some of the costs associated with these home modifications. Giving a tax credit for the work will enable more families to afford the modifications and will enable more disabled persons and elderly to remain safely in their homes. This legislation can help many people including workers and the economy.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you can support this bill or what changes you would need to make such a bill more likely to pass. Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,