

Letter: We need more

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I am writing to bring attention to a critical issue that demands immediate legislative action – the inadequate housing infrastructure for disabled individuals and families. Investing in accessible housing is not just a matter of convenience; it is a fundamental right that promotes inclusivity and equality.

People with mobility disorders face daily challenges in finding suitable accommodation that meets their needs. Current housing infrastructure often lacks the necessary features, such as ramps, wider doorways, and accessible common areas, leaving individuals with disabilities at a significant disadvantage.

Moreover, disabled families encounter additional hurdles in securing housing that accommodates their unique requirements.

Legislation is urgently needed to address this disparity and ensure that our communities are designed to be inclusive. Such legislation should mandate the incorporation of accessibility standards in all new housing projects and major renovations. This includes features such as wheelchair ramps, accessible bathrooms, and modifications to common areas to facilitate mobility.

Government housing assistance programs should be restructured to prioritize disabled individuals and families, providing financial support for necessary adaptations and accommodations. This approach not only supports those with disabilities but also fosters a more integrated and supportive society.

By investing in housing infrastructure projects for disabled individuals and families, we are not just creating physical spaces but also breaking down barriers, fostering independence, and promoting a society where everyone can thrive. I urge our lawmakers to prioritize and pass legislation that addresses these pressing issues, ensuring that our communities are truly accessible and inclusive.

Sincerely,

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