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Subject: Making Essex Market Doors ADA Compliant

Dear All,

I write to address accessibility concerns regarding the entrance doors at Essex Market. It has been brought to our office's attention by seniors and those with disabilities that the Essex Market entrance doors are heavy and difficult to open without any assistance. Essex Market has historically been monumental in servicing our constituents with affordable necessary goods and services provided by local businesses. Unfortunately, the updated market's doors impede loyal customers who want to gain access independently.

Consequently, Essex Market fails to uphold the **Americans with Disabilities Act, Title III** which “prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the activities of places of public accommodations (businesses that are generally open to the public and that fall into one of 12 categories listed in the ADA, such as restaurants, movie theaters, schools, daycare facilities, recreation facilities, and doctor's offices) and requires newly constructed or altered places of public accommodation—as well as commercial facilities (privately owned, nonresidential facilities such as factories, warehouses, or office buildings)—to comply with the ADA Standards.” Since Essex Market is a public market and includes public accommodations, it is crucial that *all* people can access Essex Market.

To remedy Essex Market's accessibility issue, I ask that the owning and managing entities of Essex Market upgrade the entrance doors to be automatic in an ADA-compliant manner. Automating these doors will give seniors and those with disabilities proper access to the facility and enable them to be part of the Essex Market community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Marte". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping letters and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christopher Marte
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