

Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee
Monday, December 14, 2009
Harvest Room, State Capital

Dear Representative Carlson and Committee Members:

My name is Royce Schultze, Executive Director of Dakota Center for Independent Living.

I appreciate you taking the time to listen to the concerns about the accessibility of the lift in the Brynhild Haugland Room.

1. Arms on the lift are difficult to raise and lower
2. Fold down ramp is too steep. Footrests hit the floor when coming off and risk of tipping backwards when getting on from the bottom.
3. Key issue of not being able to insert key.
4. Lack of independence for people with disabilities

Possible solutions:

1. Ramp. This would take care of any accessibility and independence issues.
2. New lift.