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Dear Sir or Madam:

The New York State Office of Advocate for the Disabled strongly supports your agency's proposal to reference the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) for enforcement of Section 504 accessibility requirements, as proposed in the Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 44, Wednesday, March 8, 1989, pp. 9966, et seq. Most state codes reference ANSI All7.1 1980 or 1986. UFAS is consistent with ANSI 117.1, 1980 format and either meets or exceeds those specifications.

As the model building code organizations are currently developing scoping provisions for ANSI 117.1, 1986, the standardization in use of UFAS across all federal agencies will greatly help to reduce confusion for architects, developers and building officials.

We look forward to the expeditious issuance of the final rule.

Sincerely,

Frances C. Berko State Advocate

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