



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

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Mr. Thomas E. Perez
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U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Assistant Attorney General Perez:

We write to express our interest in ensuring that the Department of Justice intends to begin enforcing its regulations concerning swimming pool access on January 31, 2013.

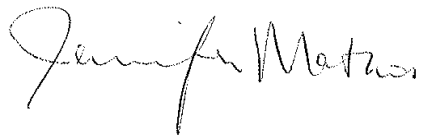
Disability organizations previously expressed concern about the repeated delays in implementation of these regulations, originally slated to go into effect on March 15, 2012, 18 months after their publication. We understand that the Department delayed implementation as part of an effort to address concerns raised by the hotel industry and to ensure that pool owners had full information about their obligations under the new regulations. The delayed implementation of the regulation until January 31, 2013 and the provision of additional guidance have provided any pool or spa owners or operators who were truly unsure about how to comply with this regulation ample opportunity to bring themselves into compliance.

We hope and expect that the Department will stand by, and begin enforcing, the pool accessibility standards that it determined were appropriate after years of input from a wide variety of stakeholders. These accessibility requirements are important to ensure that people with disabilities can fully participate in their communities.

Sincerely,

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