

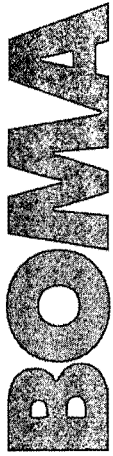
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Mr. Linegar,
Thank you for the phone call this morning
to acquaint me with the work of
BOMA. I applaud the organization's
work and attitude toward ABA as expressed
by you. Please call upon me if the Domestic
Policy Staff can be of assistance.

Carol A. Rasmussen

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April 5, 1993

Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Call & tell them
you will call week
of May 3 to look
at a May meeting -

Dear Ms. Rasco:

10-15 min.
phone call
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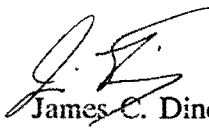
Over the past two years, BOMA has greatly assisted commercial building owners and managers with implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

BOMA International, with more than 15,000 members across the country responsible for over 6 billion square feet of office space, is committed to educating the industry about the need for "good faith" compliance with the ADA. (An outline of our efforts is enclosed.)

Implementation of the ADA has posed tremendous challenges to commercial real estate in a very troubled economic climate. However, BOMA members have responded with informed, "good faith" efforts to make their properties more accessible.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how BOMA can assist the Administration with its efforts in this area. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 408-2684. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


James C. Dinegar

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PROMOTING VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADA

Over the past two years, BOMA International has developed and distributed wide-ranging guidance to promote compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the commercial real estate industry. These efforts include:

- * Development of the ADA Compliance Guidebook, the most widely used reference of its kind, which allows buildings and facilities to be surveyed to determine how they measure up to the ADA accessibility standards.
- * Production of a software version of the Guidebook, enabling ADA surveys to be carried out, barrier removal priorities set, and cost estimates prepared.
- * Distribution of over 80,000 copies of Opening Doors, a booklet acquainting office building tenants -- in plain language -- with the employment and accessibility provisions of the ADA.
- * A series of over 70 seminars on the ADA that reached more than 10,000 people nationwide. A second seminar series, with updated information, will be presented beginning this spring.
- * Production of a video (through a Justice Department grant) that provides an overview of the ADA accessibility provisions.
- * Development of a new publication, Opening Doors, incorporating the latest information and guidance on ADA in a question and answer format addressing 146 issues of concern.
- * Establishment of a dialogue with disability rights organizations, the federal agencies, model code organizations, and other real estate groups in a continuing effort to promote compliance with the law.

BOMA International is the largest and oldest trade association exclusively representing the office building industry. Its 15,000 members collectively own or manage over 6 billion square feet of commercial office space in North America. For information on BOMA's activities concerning the ADA, contact Jim Dinegar, Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs, at (202) 408-2684.