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Representative Joe Knollenberg
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Dear Representative Joe Knollenberg:

The state of Michigan has a very large problem that is affecting my handicapped son. It needs your attention since you have the power and authority to make changes to Michigan's laws.

My son is a forty year old young man. He was born premature and as a result, is cerebral palsied. He is in a wheelchair. He requires a barrier free, wheelchair accessible apartment. He has been awarded a section 8 housing voucher through Michigan State Housing Development Authority. So far so good…here is our dilemma.

The ADA was signed into law in 1990. (Americans with Disabilities Act). One of the provisions in this bill states that all new complexes and public housing construction must have a certain percentage per one hundred units be barrier free. The provisions did not go far enough. None of these landlords will accept his section 8 voucher. The barrier free apartments are only available in these new complexes.

We have located two apartment complexes in Rochester Hills that have barrier free apartments. They are:

Cider Mill Village Apartments
1515 Goldrush
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
866-886-2896

Lake Village Apartments
2450 Norfolk
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309
248-844-9800

They will not accept my son's section 8 voucher. My son is on social security disability. He works part time for Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority. His limited income does not afford him enough money to pay for his housing. His section 8 voucher is a form of government subsidized housing. How are they allowed to just turn him away? He is being discriminated against because of his disability. **This is where we need your help.**

Is this same treatment going to be extended to our veterans returning home from war maimed for life and in wheelchairs? Shame on Michigan! Some changes need to be made to accommodate these special people. **Representative Knollenberg, you can do it.**

Please give this matter your immediate attention. We would greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette McKevitz for John McKevitz