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## ***NEII*® Regulatory and Legislative Agenda**

As the National Elevator Industry, Inc. (*NEII*) prepares for the 2015 legislative season, we recognize there are many important issues facing our industry. *NEII* is committed to working and partnering with state legislators, regulators, policy makers and other stakeholders across the country to share our unique expertise and improve elevator safety programs nationwide.

### **THE INDUSTRY SHAPING POLICY**

Through our legislative and regulatory work, *NEII* promotes the creation and implementation of laws, regulations, codes and standards so that the millions of people using elevators, escalators and moving walks can do so safely and efficiently. Industry leaders and staff commit their time, knowledge and resources to assist policymakers as they work on issues impacting the building transportation industry. Each year, we track hundreds of bills and proposed regulations; engage in code review and update efforts; form coalitions with interested parties and industry stakeholders; provide testimony and comments on proposed legislation, regulations and code changes; and meet with key policymakers and enforcement personnel to share our expertise and knowledge.

### **KEY POLICY ISSUES**

#### Updated Building Transportation Codes

The most effective way to ensure the safety of the riding public and elevator personnel in North America is to adopt the latest versions of the bi-national (US & Canada) model Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, ASME A17.1/CSA B44 without amendment. The most recent version of the code was published in November 2013.

*NEII* also contributes to the development of other model codes that impact the safety of building transportation in our built environment. Improvements to building code requirements for how elevators assist firefighters and building occupants in fires, increasing the usability of our equipment by persons with disabilities, and increasing the energy efficiency of elevators and escalators are some examples.



#### Professional License Requirements

*NEII* supports state licensing requirements for elevator contractors, mechanics and inspectors. Elevator professionals should be required to demonstrate knowledge, skills and abilities specific to their role when they apply and renew their licenses. *NEII* encourages this best practice in every state to raise

safety and performance levels nationwide.

### Appropriate State Compliance and Enforcement

In any industry with highly technical and complicated machinery such as ours, proper compliance and enforcement of safety regulations is crucial. In many states, however, our industry faces the challenges of inconsistent regulatory participation and enforcement. *NEII* is actively working with state agencies and elevator boards to ensure that code compliance requirements are appropriate, interpretations are consistent and enforcement is undertaken in a uniform manner between state officials and all regulated entities.

### Funding

*NEII* recognizes the fiscal constraints faced by many states. Our industry works with states to develop appropriate funding structure to support the elevator programs that are so critical to the safety of the riding public and industry personnel.

## **NEII'S VALUABLE RESOURCES**

*NEII* has members and staff who are available when building transportation issues arise within your state. We can help draft legislation, provide technical information and/or meet with policymakers and other interested parties to discuss how best to address questions or concerns. Please contact *NEII*'s Government Affairs Director, Amy Blankenbiller, at 785-286-7599 or [ajblankenbiller@neii.org](mailto:ajblankenbiller@neii.org) for assistance.

## **"THE INSIDER"**

This e-newsletter allows *NEII* to share its extensive industry knowledge on key topics with a broad group of stakeholders. "The Insider" will keep you informed about the latest subjects and trends affecting the industry. Moreover, it offers a forum for various perspectives and helps identify ways we can come together to improve building transportation in North America.

We encourage you to share this complimentary subscription with your colleagues to build the community with access to *NEII*'s comprehensive network of building transportation professionals.

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