



From: Ability Axis

To: Everyone In Our Network

Date: October 1, 2012

Re: Manitoba's New Accessibility Legislation – Your Voice Needed

Historic legislation is in the works that will have major impact on the life experience of Manitobans with disabilities for many years to come – including their ability to be readily engaged in the Province's workforce.

You have less than three weeks to play a role in determining how effective that legislation will be. October 21, 2012 is the deadline for members of the public to comment on what the government is proposing.

Here are some steps you can take:

- Background:
 - Read what the Province's Accessibility Advisory Committee has recommended for the design of the new legislation (Released: June, 2012): <http://tinyurl.com/DIOaccess>
 - Read what [Barrier-Free Manitoba](#), has raised as possible shortcomings of these recommendations. (Released: October 1, 2012) <http://tinyurl.com/barrierFREE>
- Voice Your Opinion (Before October 21):
 - Send your own written comments to the Government via the [Disabilities Issues Office](#).
 - Send by Email to: dio@gov.mb.ca with the subject line "Advisory Council Report"
 - Send by Mail to:
Disabilities Issues Office
630-240 Graham Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0J7
 - If you agree with it, sign Barrier-Free Manitoba's online petition: <http://www.barrierfreemb.com/petition>