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Dear Certified Elevator Inspector:

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On June 1, 2006, Governor Bush signed into law House Bill 7121, relating to disaster preparedness response. This law amends Section 553.509, Florida Statutes, and requires emergency power generation for public elevators located in new and existing residential multifamily dwellings, including condominiums, at least 75 feet in height, and places additional inspection responsibilities on Certified Elevator Inspectors (CEIs). Full compliance with this law must be achieved by December 31, 2007.

As part of their additional inspection responsibilities, CEIs will verify that: appropriate quarterly inspections are conducted on the generator; the inspection records are available for review; and the generator key is stored in the correct location. If the building owner opts, as allowed by the new law, to pre-wire a generator connection and enter into a contract for delivery of a generator and fuel source, then the CEI will confirm that the pre-wiring is in place and a current contract exists. This information will be captured on the annual inspection report and must be provided to the Bureau of Elevator Safety. Modified inspection reports will be available for industry use by December 31, 2006.

CEIs and the Bureau of Elevator Safety will only function in an information gathering capacity. Local building inspection and emergency management agencies will be responsible for ensuring that buildings comply with the requirements of this law and that building owners, managers, or operators supply the required documentation.

All CEIs and registered elevator companies are reminded that, per Florida Statutes, annual elevator inspection reports must be submitted to the Bureau of Elevator Safety within 5 days of the completion of the annual elevator inspection. Elevator inspection reports may be submitted in hard-copy or by electronic submission through the department's website at www.myfloridalicense.com. Additional information on House Bill 7121 can be found on the Bureau of Elevator Safety website at www.myflorida.com/dbpr/hr.

Sincerely,

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