

**Subject:**Re: ADA request

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July 11, 2023 @ 3:35 pm

Dear Mr. Nam.

There are large problems with how the CA Senate staff has handled a valid ADA reasonable accommodation request. The terms your propose in your 7/11/23 letter are not acceptable.

I refer you to the revised ADA rules (from 2016) and the pronouncements by Federal Access Board about such ADA requests. You have afforded me no substantive interactive conversation about this request.

Your response to me by email on 7/11/2023 at 3:13 pm is woefully late and insufficient. You can expect a more thorough response in the next 48 hours. We will take the matter up directly with the Chair of the Committee, Sen. Atkins and Gov. Newsom's office. This has a direct impact on whether or not there has been fair and open deliberations on AB.965.

Perhaps the best course of action at this point is to remove AB-965 from the 7/12/23 SGF Committee hearing and make it a two year bill.

In the deliberations of AB-965, there is strong evidence of discrimination against a disabled protected class in California, those with Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS). Your letter does not sufficiently accommodate the needs of that class.

>>> Nam, John wrote on 7/11/2023 3:13 PM:

Hi Mr. McGavin – please see the letter attached, responding to your ADA request. Thank you.

John

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