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To: Canvass List Participants

Subject: ANSI Canvass Letter Ballot on Proposed Revision of **BHMA A156.38 LOW ENERGY POWER OPERATED SLIDING AND FOLDING DOORS**

Due Date: **Monday, April 21, 2014**

**Scope of Standard:** requirements in this Standard apply to low energy power operated sliding and folding door systems for pedestrian use, and some small vehicular use. The activation of all doors described in this standard requires a knowing act. Included are provisions intended to reduce the chance of user injury or entrapment.

**Please Vote:**

**Concur without Comments** \_\_\_\_\_

**Concur with Comments** \_\_\_\_\_

**Object**   X   (See Attached Comments and Suggestions) \_\_\_\_\_

**Abstain** \_\_\_\_\_

Votes to Concur with Comments, Object, or Abstain, must be accompanied by reasons. Negative votes without reasons will be processed with no further notice to the submitter. Thank you.

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Attachments: Copy of Standard with Summary of Changes, ANSI Role

## AAADM Comments to Accompany Negative Vote on A156.38 Canvass Ballot

When the idea of developing a standard to address newer sliding and folding doors first arose within AAADM, we anticipated a standard different from the A156.19 standard. The products covered in the new standard do not present the same types of exposure as the low energy swinging doors covered by A156.19, and the exposure in the existing A156.19 is extremely limited. The differences between the newer sliding and folding door products and the existing low energy swinging doors were significant enough to warrant a separate standard with a different approach; otherwise, we could have simply folded the new products into the existing A156.19.

First, we suggest a new title to the standard to avoid confusion with the existing A156.19 standard. A possibility: replace, in the title and throughout the standard, where appropriate, "low energy" with "knowing act".

Second, we believe the signage requirements in the draft are not aligned with the exposure the newer doors present. We have included suggested revisions that are better suited to these types of doors. These proposed revisions are consistent, with respect to location and visibility, with the requirements in the UL 325 standard for gates.