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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elevator Inspectors/Inspection Companies/Mechanics

FROM: Edward Wiggins, Director/Chief Inspector
Inspections Division, Elevators/Boilers

SUBJECT: Door Restrictor

On Monday, November 16th, 2020, an elevator was inspected at a building in Birmingham. The door restrictor was found to be disabled by the application of electrical tape. The repair records were obtained and indicated the elevator door restrictor was "adjusted" on Nov. 4, 2020. This type of "repair" or "adjustment" is not going to be tolerated in the State of Alabama. This presents a very dangerous situation which could cost someone their life.

If this type of "repair" is found again during an inspection, the most recent technician to have serviced the conveyance will be subject to a formal complaint and have his/her mechanics license suspended for 60 days during which time they will not be allowed perform mechanic duties in Alabama.

If it is a repeat offense, then a second formal complaint will be issued. The mechanics license will be revoked, and they will be required to appear before the Elevator Safety Review Board at the next scheduled meeting to be considered for reinstatement.

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The photo below shows the door restrictor taped in the open position to prevent it from engaging.



If you have any questions or comments, please contact me via email or phone.

Respectfully,



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