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Dear Mr. Weiland:

I am writing to seek your assistance in communicating with state and local building code officials regarding electric and gas range safety. Did you know that free-standing gas and electric ranges, if not installed correctly, can tip forward if too much pressure is put on the range top or on an open oven door? As a result, injuries such as scalds or burns or even fatalities can occur. Young children and the elderly are especially vulnerable.

To reduce the risk of accidental range tipping, range manufacturers require the installation of a special anti-tip device that is provided with the new range. Warning information against range tipping is located on the range, in the owner's manual, and in the installation instructions.

Manufacturers adhere to stability requirements in both the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 858 Household Electric Range Safety Standard (Section 33) and the ANSI Z21.1 Household Gas Range Safety Standard (Section 1.6). These standards, in place since 1991, require that ranges manufactured after this date not tip with 250 pounds or less on the open door or drawer for five minutes. To meet this standard, manufacturers provide with each new range an anti tip device that must be used for securing the range to a wall, floor or cabinet structure. Brackets are provided with mounting hardware and only require ordinary tools to install. Manufacturer's instructions require that the anti tip device be installed.

Most state and local building codes include a requirement that all major home appliances, including ranges, be listed according to applicable safety standards and be installed according to manufacturer's instructions. For those codes that do not contain such a requirement, AHAM strongly recommends that those codes be updated. Please alert your members that range installation instructions require installation of the anti-tip device.

As a routine part of home inspections, building code officials should determine if the anti-tip device has been installed. If it has not, inspectors should require this be done, as dictated by the applicable building code. The range manufacturer may be contacted for additional information. To assist code officials in this regard, AHAM provides information on reaching range manufacturers on its web site, www.aham.org. All AHAM members that manufacture

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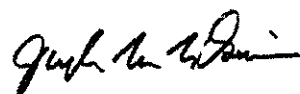
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ranges will provide anti tip devices free of charge if one is requested. The AHAM web site also contains safety tips regarding range tip overs and instructions on how consumers and building inspectors can determine if an anti tip device has been installed.

If you are aware of other organizations or individuals that we should contact regarding range tipping, please let us know.

We welcome your questions and comments regarding this important safety matter. Working together we can increase awareness of range-tipping safety concerns and help prevent future accidents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg M. L. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.