

Robots Improve Accessibility. Regulate Them, Don't Ban Them.



We're a Toronto robotics startup. Our robots help people **overcome accessibility barriers** related to **stairs**.

However, the widely panned **IEC/TAAC ban (IE26.12)** will make our robots, and other **assistive devices** like them, **illegal**.

There was **no** consultation, data analysis or due diligence behind this recommendation. TAAC relied almost entirely on one lobbyist's say-so. It's an overreaction that's unimaginative, short-sighted and rushed.

Robots can lift, carry, climb, clean and see for people who can't. This ban will **deprive people with disabilities** of devices that are already proven to **improve accessibility** and **remove barriers**.

A ban also tells tech companies and investors that **Toronto is against innovation**.

The ban is already very **unpopular**. A **Change.Org** petition got nearly 2,000 signatures in under a week.

Instead of banning robots, allow companies like mine to work with the city to **develop informed policies** to make sure they remain safe.

Please vote **NO** on the **IEC/TAAC robot ban**.



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