## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

IN RE:	CPSC DOCKET NO.: 21-1
THYSSENKRUPP ACCESS CORP.	
Respondent.	

## **RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS**

Respondent TK Access Solutions Corp., formerly known as thyssenkrupp Access Corp. ("the Company"), hereby moves to dismiss the Complaint filed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC" or "the Commission") on the following grounds:

- 1. The CPSC lacks jurisdiction over the Company as the elevator components

  ("Components") that the Company manufactured and distributed at the selection of
  and for on-site installation as improvements to realty by professionals in the trade are
  not "consumer products" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(5) of the Consumer

  Product Safety Act ("CPSA" or "the Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 2052(a)(5).
- 2. This action is moot as the Company is already taking all of the actions the Complaint seeks to compel, except those actions that are beyond the Commission's authority to order.
- 3. This action is moot as the CPSC already took final agency action in 2014 and again in 2017 addressing the same issues raised in this action and has failed to adequately explain why that final agency action should be revisited.
- 4. This action violates due process as no fair notice was provided to the Company that CPSC would seek to apply retroactively the voluntary standard that is the basis of the Complaint's theory of "defect."

This action violates both the CPSA's prohibition on retroactive mandatory rules and the presumption against retroactive application of a standard that was adopted years after the Company exited the residential elevator market.

A supporting memorandum is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 27, 2021, true and correct copies of the foregoing RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS were served via U.S. Mail and/or electronic mail on the Secretary of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and all parties and participants of record in these proceedings in the following manner:

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