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Subject: Accessible voting:

To whom this may concern:

This was the first time that I had ever used an accessible voting machine and it was truly exciting. I was able to read the ballot and independently mark the candidate of my choice. Before when I was able to vote I had to have someone from the various parties or family member/friend assist me from closing the curtain to moving the levers. To be honest, I was never sure if the lever my hand was placed on was my choice or that of the person assisting me. With the Vote-Pad ballot I was able to put the mark by my choice and know that if an error was made it was my doing. When it came to familiarizing myself with the ballot, I found the identifying bumps helpful in finding the columns and top of the pages. The only thing that I was not very happy about was the write-in situation. I am able to print, but sometimes I realize that it isn't very legible. I am totally blind but have some light perception in my left eye. If it would come to writing in a number, that would not be possible.

Another situation I had happen several times when relying on other people at the poles is the proposals. Most of the time if I didn't bring them up they were not mentioned. With the Vote-Pad accessible voting I would be able to know who was running for a particular position and be able to make my own choice, but also be able to make my own decision on proposals. Thank you for this opportunity. Hoping that accessible voting is not far in the future.

Sincerely,

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