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Re: Vote-pad experience

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will document my experience with the Vote-Pad voting procedure last December 20 during the Men's Group Meeting held at the Bucks County Association for the Blind.

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I was seated at a table, given a sample Vote-Pad to handle and asked to listen to a set of taped instructions through headphones. I was instructed to open the Vote-pad and given a detailed description of the voting ballot. The tape described the use of raised "bumps" to locate columns and explained the cutouts for marking my selections and also the block for a write-in. I recall that this process took about 5 minutes.

After the instruction phase, I was given a sample ballot to complete. Listening to another recorded tape, which described the ballot and the various selections and their location. Using a supplied pencil, I was able to locate and fill in my selections very confidently. The voting process was finished when I personally deposited my ballot into the voting box. The ballot had information to be completed on both sides and seemed to take about 10 minutes.

I was very impressed with the entire process. I was able to vote independently and privately, with very little assistance.

Sincerely,

Alvin Blazik
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