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General Comment

As a person with low vision, I have a long wait every time I go to vote. The primary issue is the poll workers don't know how to turn the voice on in the voting machine. Sometimes it takes two hours for them to figure out how to turn on the voice, and I sit there, holding up the line in my tiny precinct. They ask me who drove me to the polls (as if I need a caretaker). I have also been asked if someone could help me vote. I deserve to vote independently and privately, as is my right.

For the Nov 2020 election, I decided to vote by mail because of the pandemic. I didn't want to risk my life waiting around for two hours for them to figure out the new machines. But, of course, the paper ballots don't allow me to vote independently.

Now, in Georgia, the State lawmakers have changed the rules. I am concerned that when I bring my camera or CCTV in to take a photo of my ballot (so I can enlarge it after voting), this may no longer be legal. Our devices are essential to the process of voting because the printed proof is too small to see.