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General Comment

I am person with a disability who relys heavily on absentee voting. I am a person who is a fall risk and have trouble getting to the polls because of weather issues. I also have a visual disability which makes reading ballots difficult especially at the polls. I am totally frustrated by the large number of bills in Wisconsin that would put restrictions on voting especially relating to absentee ballots. One of these bills would require that my medical doctor send documentation that I am not able to vote at the polls on a regular basis and I find this to be very discriminatory especially since medical doctors don't have any payment source for this type of letter. Also another bill would require a close relative to drop off your ballot. I don't have any close relative that could do that. Another bill would require me to submit a copy of my State ID every time I vote. I have difficulty getting my ID copied or getting to a place to copy my ID. Also it is a hassle to constantly try and find someone who can do things like this for me. I also find it appalling that another bill would have my personal care attendant or helper criminally charged if they would drop off my ballot. I appreciate the current system as it is. In terms of improvement I would like the system to be a little bit more simplified so that one could vote virtually. I also would like to get away from paper ballots. I also would like to have the system modified so that it could accomodate enlargement of ballots and options for alternative voting methods such as screen readers etc.

Thank you for listening to my comments.