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General Comment

As new to blindness accessibility tools and resources I must say my experience with the accessible voting machines was pleasant. I'd suggest, however, we receive more training and pool workers also be trained to let voters who are blind or visually impaired that the screen can be turned off, so nobody can see how we are voting. More of these machines should be made available to allow more than one voter with disabilities are able to vote simultaneously, which can hapen occasionally.

Once the paper print ballot is released from the machine, we should have an envelope immediately provided at the machine to avoid the pool worker or anyone else to "peak" and see our voting choices. I voted twice on these machines, in Florida for the primaries and in Virginia for the general elections last year and both experiences were positive.

The Virginia pool workers seemed a bit better comfortable with the equipment and to help me to vote independently.

My difficulty was to request and receive the ballots by mail, so I could analyze and be prepared to make my choices. The Fairfax County Elections Office took a long time to answer my call and send me the actual ballot by mail. They also had difficulty understand my nees as a blind person. I ask for accessible ballot, easy to read in Large Print or such, they didn't have an answer for me.

I hope my comments are helpful.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.