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## General Comment

My name is Alejandrina Guzman and I am an organizer and policy analyst in Texas working alongside my disabled siblings in fighting for our rights. Currently, our voting rights are under attack in the 87th Texas Legislature Special Session. SB 1 + HB 3 will directly harm disabled people by restricting access to the ballot box. Before this, during the 2020 presidential election, many in our community struggled with accessing the ballot box varying for many reasons that I will outline below. I am taking the time to write this because we need sweeping changes in our state to make voting easier for our community.

Outlined are some issues encountered:  
polling place was not accessible (especially hurting wheelchair users), no ASL interpreters available, the accessible ballot machine not being turned on, no way to get to the polls, volunteers lacking cultural competency in interacting with disabled voters.

Additionally, we need online voting (as other states have it) so that all eligible disabled community members can vote. We need people to understand that communication is a right when voting and assistance is a right as well.

There are many disabled people ready and willing to help y'all work on this. Contact us.