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General Comment

I believe as a blind voter the number one priority is having reasonable travel time to a polling place which provides an accessible voting machine where I can vote independently. Pulling places within 1 mile of a bus stop provide the option of travel or para transit travel to disable voters who cannot drive. Having the accessible voting machine already set up in the poll workers familiar with its set up an operation speeds up the process and makes it less an equal in experience for disabled voters. If, due to a pandemic or other state of emergency, voting is required to be done online/through mail the online option must provide an accessible link to locate one's ballot, and accessible platform to complete one's ballot and electronic return. Printing one's ballot and having to physically sign a ballot is not equal or accessible many blind people do not own printers as we do not deal with print on a routine basis. once the electronic ballot is printed, we cannot look at it and verify that what we have selected online is what is officially on the paper ballot being returned. We cannot tell If the printer does not alert us in an accessible way if the printer is out of ink or the print job is light or illegible. Locating the correct place to sign is impossible. Electronic receipt, return and completion are the only accessible online alternatives to in-person voting with an accessible voting machine. Thank you.