**Voting Rights**

Plain Language Talking Points

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**What is the problem?**

* America’s voting system has many challenges for people with disabilities across different states
* The Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws require equal access to voting for people with disabilities
* Accessible voting has been limited: fewer mobile voting machines and secure ballot drop boxes to keep votes safe and secret, and less access to absentee ballots.
* Polling locations aren’t always making sure voters with disabilities are able to vote and that may prevent them from voting

**Why it matters to me:**

* Voting is a right that should be accessible to all voters, including people with disabilities.
* The law requires that all methods of voting, in-person, and vote-by-mail, be fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

**What should Congress do?**

* Congress should pass the Freedom to Vote: John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act ([H.R. 5746](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5746)) to have stronger legal protections against voting policies and practices that prevent people with disabilities from voting.
* Remove paper ballot requirements in all federal legislation.
* Training should be required for election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how to support people with disabilities to vote.
* Congress should collect information on how many people with disabilities participate in federal elections. This will help election offices understand and meet the needs of people with disabilities.