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INDIANA DISABILITY RIGHTS ATTORNEYS WILL BE ON CALL ON ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th, Indiana Disability Rights attorneys will answer questions and take complaints from persons with disabilities who have any issue casting their vote. The Hoosiers Vote Hotline will be open during polling hours, 6:00AM - 6:00PM local time.

Exercising your right to vote is an essential element of your civil rights. Every person who has registered to vote and has proper identification should be able to cast their vote privately and independently at their polling place or through absentee voting. Unfortunately, some people with disabilities may experience issues when they try to vote.

If you experience any of the following issues, call Indiana Disability Rights:

- Lack of an accessible path from the parking spot/drop off point to the voting booth;
- Stairs or non-paved surfaces such as gravel or grass as the only path to the polling location;
- Lack of at least one doorway wide enough for a wheelchair to get through to access the polling location;
- Lack of at least one set of automatic doors or someone available to open doors;
- Lack of a functioning, accessible voting machine;
- Lack of poll workers available who know how to operate the accessible voting machine.

Know your rights. If you require assistance in order to cast your vote, a poll worker may assist you or you may bring someone with you to assist you. The person who assists you cannot be your employer or your union representative. You must request assistance before you enter the voting booth. A valid photo ID is required to vote in-person.

If you have questions or are unable to cast your vote privately and independently during this election, we're here to help! **Call our hotline at 800.622.4845.** Your vote counts!

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The mission of Indiana Disability Rights is to protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy.

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