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The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition and our co-sponsors invite you to join us for ***Disability Rights and Voting: A Briefing for Policymakers and Election Officials.***

WHEN: Monday, April 12, 2021, 12 noon – 1 PM

WHERE: Register for this Zoom webinar at disabilityvote.org/april12briefing

WHO: Legislators, staff, WEC, Municipal clerks, media

This briefing will address the barriers experienced by voters with disabilities and older adults, and discuss the federal and state laws and policies that protect voter rights, and support accessible and inclusive elections. This will include laws and policies that address accessible polling places, curbside voting, accessible voting machines, Wisconsin's provision for Indefinitely Confined voters, voting in care facilities, and other disability related accommodations.

A significant number of Wisconsin voters have a disability. According to the American Association of People with Disabilities, approximately 23% of the electorate in the November 2020 election were individuals with some type of disability, including disabilities acquired through aging. As policymakers and election officials consider changes to Wisconsin voting laws and policies, it is important that they safeguard the rights of voters with disabilities including the current protections in federal and state law.

BRIEFING SPEAKERS

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:

- Michelle Bishop, Voter Access & Engagement Manager - National Disability Rights Network

WISCONSIN PERSPECTIVE

- Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Denise Jess, Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Kyle Kleist, CIL Western Wisconsin
- Jenny Neugart, Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Janet Zander, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

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About the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

The WDVC is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places. The Coalition is coordinated by Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. Members include people with disabilities, community agencies, and other partners.

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