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## **Disability Vote Coalition Thanks Governor Evers for Protecting Our Freedom to Vote**

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition thanks Governor Evers for protecting our freedom to vote by taking action today on voting bills that we have opposed. For our democracy to work, it must include all of us. Bills vetoed today would have significantly restricted the ability of voters with disabilities, older adults, and many other Wisconsin voters to participate in the electoral process.

Our recent publication, [\*Voting Rights Are Human Rights: In Our Own Voices\*](#) shares the concerns of voters with disabilities and their allies about voting bills that were vetoed today. These bills would have created new barriers and impacted the voting rights of hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites with disabilities, older adults and other voters. Voters with disabilities already have numerous barriers to voting including lack of transportation, polling places that are inaccessible, complex medical conditions, difficulty obtaining photo ID, less access to technology and the internet and more.

Voting rights are the cornerstone of our democracy. Adding more administrative hurdles and penalties for voters or people trying to help voters is not fair or wise. Our goal should be to make it easier for our

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citizens to participate in elections – not harder. In that spirit, we ask our state and national policy makers to work with us to make our elections fully accessible and inclusive of people of all abilities.

Thank you, Governor Evers, for taking action today to protect our freedom to vote, to ensure that every eligible voter can cast a ballot, and that every ballot is counted.

**Link to document:** [\*Voting Rights Are Human Rights: In Our Own Voices\*](#)

### **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. Members include people with disabilities, and community agencies including Access to Independence, Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, NAMI Wisconsin, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.(GWAAR), CIL Western Wisconsin, People First Wisconsin, Mental Health America, Wisconsin Association of the Deaf, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers, and many others. The Coalition is coordinated by Disability Rights Wisconsin and Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities.*