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## Press Release: DRW applauds agreement in U.S. v. Town of Thornapple

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Earlier this month, the town of Thornapple, Wisconsin, entered into [an agreement](#) in a case brought by the United States Department of Justice regarding noncompliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); after having not provided an accessible voting system during two elections in 2024, Thornapple was found to have violated HAVA and has agreed to provide an accessible voting system for each federal election moving forward, a requirement for every polling place across the country.

Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) also filed a complaint with the Wisconsin Elections Commission in September 2024 about Thornapple's violation of state and federal laws by not providing an accessible voting system, which resulted in a [November 2024 decision](#) by the Commission to direct Thornapple to follow to the law by providing an accessible voting system in every election.

Accessibility during the electoral process is not optional; it is the law. DRW applauds the Wisconsin Elections Commission and U.S. DOJ for standing up for the rights of voters with disabilities and making sure state and federal laws are applied in all polling places.

DRW and the [Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](#) are available year-round for trainings, consultations, and information regarding all aspects of the electoral process and how to ensure inclusion of voters with disabilities.

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Voters with disabilities who have questions about the electoral process or their voting rights, or who encounter challenges during the voting process, are encouraged to contact the DRW Voter Hotline at 844-DIS-VOTE (844-347-8683) or [info@disabilityvote.org](mailto:info@disabilityvote.org).

### Organization Information

Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) is a private non-profit organization that protects the rights of people with disabilities statewide. As Wisconsin's recognized Protection & Advocacy Organization, DRW is legislatively mandated to provide services to voters with disabilities and ensure individuals with disabilities can participate in every step of the voting process. [More information is available at Disability Rights Wisconsin's website.](#)