
Re: Senate Bill S2341

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Dear Senator Matthew L. LaMountain:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill S2341 to allow disabled and military voters to utilize electronic transmitted ballots. Many disabled individuals are in an assisted living environments or have health issues which would prevent them from standing in line at their voting place. Some disabled individuals may not have friends or relatives available to transport or assist them at the voting facility. With electronically transmitted ballots these individuals can vote in a secure independent way. Mail ballots still require depending on someone to mail the ballot for them. Electronically transmitted ballots would not require public assistance and would eliminate the obstacles presented by physically completing a mail ballot or going out to vote.

As a legally blind individual in 1972 at age 18 I voted at my voting place for the first time. There was assistance in the voting booth at the expense of my privacy. I was accompanied by 1 Republican, 1 Democrat and 1 impartial person to assist me with voting. As excited as I was to vote for the first time I found this experience to be humiliating for me. Today we do have the accessible voting machines which is a great improvement. However I would still need to acquire transportation to the voting facility. Once there I hope the accessible machines are working and that the volunteers are familiar with the accessible equipment. I find the process of utilizing electronic transmitted voting to be an important way of eliminating such obstacles. I voted electronically in 2024 and found the process efficient and secure while maintaining my independence and privacy.

We have come such a long way to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities through accessible technology. Please let us continue to move into the future and not be burdened with the ways of the past. Your consideration for an independently private voting future is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Linda Ricci

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