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## ***Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition Welcomes Increased Access to Voter Identification***

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition welcomes Governor Evers' Executive Order #14 which will expand accessibility to Department of Transportation (DOT) facilities that provide residents of Wisconsin with identification required to vote.

Many voters with disabilities and older adults do not drive, do not have a driver's license and may not have other acceptable photo ID for voting purposes. While a free ID for voting can be obtained at Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices, it may be difficult to get transportation to the DMV, especially in rural areas where many DMV locations have very limited hours and may be located far from their home. Many DMV offices are only open two days a week.

Our Coalition has helped to support people with disabilities who want very much to vote and lack the needed identification. Many report that they have difficulty obtaining transportation to the DMV to obtain the state identification document. In addition, we have heard from people with disabilities who struggle to provide the needed documentation. For example, individuals who have a representative payee to handle their bills and finances, may have difficulty providing the documents needed for proof of Wisconsin residency.

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition provides non-partisan education on voter rights and accessibility to the disability community, election officials, service providers, and policy makers. We stand ready to serve as a resource to assist with efforts to improve the accessibility of options for acquiring voter identification documents. Our goal is to advance the full participation of Wisconsinites with disabilities in the electoral process.

*The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition works to educate the disability community about voting rights and access issues, increase voter turnout among people with disabilities and their allies, and increase awareness of elected officials and policy makers regarding voters with disabilities.*

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