



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **Rights Task Force Position on Voting Machine Security and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trails (VVPAT)**

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is a coalition of more than 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. The Rights Task Force of CCD focuses on civil rights and protections for people with disabilities, and the enforcement of those rights and protections by federal agencies.

The expertise and primary interest of CCD lies in matters of equal access and the rights of people with disabilities. As it pertains to voting, this involves specifically ensuring enforcement and protection of the rights guaranteed under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and other applicable federal law. CCD does not have a blanket policy either for or against Voter Verified Paper Audit Trails (VVPAT) or other means of independent vote verification. CCD seeks to ensure that any and all measures instituted to provide enhanced security, accuracy and/or voter confidence must be developed and implemented in a manner that ensures immediate accessibility for people with disabilities. Such measures must not interfere with the current ability of voters with disabilities to cast private and independent ballots, as mandated by HAVA and should focus on enhancing security and accessibility rather than promoting one system over another. This will allow for continued improvement of available technologies, while maximizing accessibility and security options available to voters with disabilities in the future.

The disability community shares the interest of all Americans in ensuring that elections are fair, secure and accurate. The position of CCD is that if a paper audit trail or other means of independent vote verification is used in any jurisdiction, then the means of vote verification must be accessible to all individuals with disabilities at the same time as the requirement goes into effect for all voters. Accordingly, CCD would oppose any paper audit trail or other means of independent vote verification requirement that does not meet this standard.

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