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## **Keep Voting Simple**

## What's Happening?

- Many older adults and people with disabilities face barriers to voting.
   These include:
  - polling place accessibility issues;
  - limited access to transportation;
  - difficulty obtaining valid photo ID for voting;
  - health or disability related concerns that limit their ability to vote at the polls or by absentee ballot;
  - no or limited internet access; and
  - no available assistance or support.

## Why Does it Matter?

- It can be complicated for some people to vote.
- Some people with chronic conditions and/or disabilities are left out of the voting process.

• For our democracy to work, it must include all of us, including people who need assistance to vote and/or people residing in care facilities.

## Ask Legislators to:

- Support policies that make our elections more accessible.
- Say no to bills that make it harder for older adults and people with disabilities to vote.
- Add screen readers compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure accessible absentee ballots.
- Require poll workers to complete training on disability rights and accommodations.
- Fund transportation for voting related activities.
- Improve access to photo ID so older adults and people with disabilities can exercise their right to vote by:
  - expanding the Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) service hours; and
  - adding DMV mobile sites where IDs can be obtained.

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