



January 27, 2026

Honorable Chairman Berry
NH House Election Law Committee
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to CACR 21

Dear Honorable Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to CACR 21. For the record my name is Krysten Evans, and I serve as the Director of Policy for ABLE NH, a statewide disability justice organization that works to protect and expand the civil and human rights of people with disabilities across New Hampshire. We oppose CACR 21.

While framed as a measure to protect election integrity, CACR 21 instead creates new barriers to voting, introduces harmful ambiguity, and undermines the inclusive democratic values that New Hampshire has long upheld.

Voting is not merely a procedural act. It is the most fundamental expression of belonging in a democracy. For people with disabilities, many of whom already face significant structural barriers to participation, voting is often one of the few remaining ways to assert agency, dignity, and political power in a society that too often marginalizes their voices. Any constitutional amendment that makes voting harder, more confusing, or more restrictive must be met with serious concern.

Many individuals with disabilities live in nontraditional housing arrangements. They may reside in group homes, nursing facilities, rehabilitation centers, temporary housing, domestic violence shelters, or transitional living environments. Some experience housing instability, institutionalization, or displacement due to medical needs, poverty, or lack of accessible housing. Others move frequently between family members, care providers, and medical facilities. These realities do not make someone less a member of their community, and they do not weaken their stake in local and state governance.

Yet CACR 21's emphasis on physical presence and residency opens the door to challenging the eligibility of voters whose lives do not conform to rigid norms. It creates the risk that people with disabilities will be questioned, scrutinized, or turned away, not because they lack eligibility, but because their lives are complex.

When voters are confused or afraid, they do not participate. That is not election

integrity. That is voter suppression.

We do not strengthen democracy by solving problems that do not exist. We weaken it by manufacturing threats and responding with fear-based policy.

Constitutional amendments should expand rights, not restrict them. They should protect vulnerable populations, not expose them to new forms of exclusion. They should make participation easier, not harder.

At its core, this resolution is not about clarity. It is about control. It reflects a national pattern of using the rhetoric of election security to justify policies that disproportionately harm marginalized communities, including people with disabilities, low-income residents, older adults, students, and people experiencing homelessness.

ABLE NH works with individuals every day who have been excluded, underestimated, and silenced. We fight to ensure that people with disabilities are seen, heard, and respected in every aspect of public life. Voting is foundational to that mission. Any proposal that risks stripping away or weakening that right must be rejected.

New Hampshire should be leading the nation in accessible, inclusive democracy, not following a dangerous trend of restriction and exclusion.

For these reasons, ABLE NH strongly urges the committee to oppose CACR 21.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krysten M. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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