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Kingsbury Co Auditor

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Echo Steffensen
Kingsbury County Auditor
PO Box 196
De Smet, SD 57231

RE: Polling Site Observations

Dear Ms. Steffensen,

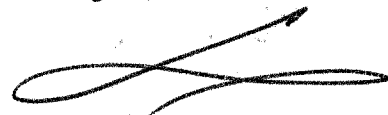
My name is Cole Uecker, and I am the Executive Director for Disability Rights South Dakota (DRSD). One of the grants that we administer is the Protection & Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) program. PAVA, by effectuating the provisions of HAVA, is one component of our overall mission to ensure full access and participation of South Dakotans with disabilities. On June 2, 2026, DRSD conducted a polling site observation activity throughout multiple counties in South Dakota. It was our intent to ensure and facilitate full ADA compliance. As part of these efforts, we visited Kingsbury County polling sites. Please see the information below regarding concerns observed during the polling site review(s).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DRSD. We are also available to participate in poll worker training on a number of voting rights, accessibility, or other disability related topics.

- DeSmet 4-H building
 - The parking, entrance(s), and voting area were accessible at this polling site. Thank you!
- Lake Preston Community Center
 - The parking, entrance(s), and voting area were accessible at this polling site.
- Arlington City Hall
 - The parking, entrance(s), and voting area were accessible at this polling site.
 - It is obvious that intentional consideration was made to make this polling site as accessible as possible. Thank you and your poll workers for all of your efforts!

DRSD wishes to thank you for all the great work that you and your election workers put into providing safe, secure, and accurate elections. It really is the work of democracy. Above listed are issues identified which may pose obstacles to those voters who live with disabilities. The items outlined in this letter are only areas for improvement and should not be interpreted to diminish the efforts at these or other locations to ensure full voter enfranchisement.

Best Regards,



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