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Dear Senators and Representatives,

UCP Connections is writing to you today in support of HB 4133. UCP Connections is an in-home support services brokerage that provides assistance to 326 adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, their families, and their providers living and working in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. UCP Connections is writing to you today in support of HB 4133. UCP Connections is an in-home support services brokerage that provides assistance to 326 adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities living and working in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. We communicate closely with our Customers, their families, and their providers. We are keenly aware of how local, state, and federal measures directly affect the lives of our Customers and how important it is to them to ensure that they are able to exercise their right to have their voices heard at the polls. HB 4133 would help expand voting access to many Oregonians who would otherwise experience difficulty in casting their vote and we want to ensure that all Oregonians who would benefit from this bill are considered in its implementation. When we talk about a digital voting system for only those who qualify we want to make sure that people with disabilities and individuals who are houseless are included. We have heard from many of our customers that when access is considered for “qualified people” that people with disabilities and houseless communities are left out of that conversation. These direct conversations along with our own professional observations cause us to agree with this sentiment. We would like you to keep in mind a wide variety of communities and needs when considering who would be eligible to access a digital voting system

By passing HB 4133 and developing a fully accessible digital voting system we will be able to include many individuals who have been left out of the voting process due to a variety of barriers with supports, transportation, and housing. Below are some lived experiences from our customers we want to highlight in support of this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 4133

- With a digital voting system I would be able to fill in my own ballot. Currently I cannot fill in the bubbles on the ballot due to my mobility. This would give me the privacy I need to fill in my ballot on my own and peace of mind my ballot was turned in on time. I currently rely on providers to help me fill in my ballot and turn it in for me which I do not always have access to.
- When we have a digital voting process I want to be able to use my text reader. My provider reads out the items on the ballot, but having the independence to do it on my own would be great.
- I currently cannot vote because I do not have a way to get my ballot in the mail. I am a houseless person with disabilities and getting mail is a huge barrier.