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Hello. I have a disability that makes deadlines like these extremely anxiety producing for me, to the point where I physically cannot complete the task. If you could look at my track record for being able to make it to something like this, you'd be in disbelief. This deeply affects me. This year only I found out I had a disability that affected me this way. Before, I overcompensated and worked three times as hard as the typical person just to appear not to have this disability. I still continued to do basic adult things like pay my taxes on time, or vote. This year, with treatment, I was able to vote for the very first time in my life, though it was still difficult. The important thing for me was I had options and time to think about when I could actually do it, and in what way. It was a big moment for me as an American woman, but also for what I could do despite my disability. I'm a nurse. I see, treat, and help people everyday that would never be able to make it to a voting station. I have a neighbor with many comorbidities; she's cannot walk and relies on an electric wheelchair to get around. She has a home nurse visit five days a week to assist with daily things like medication, wound care, laundry, etc. it is very expensive to transport someone in a wheelchair (like minimum \$500. Can go upward of \$1000-\$1500). Making the election this way will put barriers in place for all Americans, making it so much more difficult for vulnerable minority groups, like those of us with disabilities, to be able to have our voices heard. Please understand, these are liberties for us. Taking away these options, is like telling us we don't matter, or at least not enough to advocate and help us.