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Inaccessible Polling Sites in Erie County on Election Day

Albany, NY – September 11, 2017 – Eighty-four percent (84%) of polling places surveyed by Disability Rights New York (DRNY) in Erie County are inaccessible to voters with disabilities. DRNY issued a public report based on surveys conducted during the State General Elections on November 8, 2016.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, guarantees voters with disabilities the right to physically accessible polling places. DRNY concluded that Erie County is in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The right to vote is one of the most important rights of all Americans. “It is inexcusable that Erie County is still using inaccessible polling locations and voting systems that don’t work for people with disabilities,” said Timothy A. Clune, DRNY Executive Director. “If you can’t get in, you can’t vote.”

Read the full report: <http://bit.ly/2fdOH5E>

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