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To State Election Officials, and Protection and Advocacy Organizations:

Do you have questions about accessible voting systems and how to make the election process in your state more accessible to blind voters? Do you need assistance with reaching out to and providing voter information to the blind citizens in your state?

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), through the Help America Vote Act grant program of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living (ACL), can provide you with the information and assistance you need.

- New Tool: A list of survey questions for use by elections officials in states that employ an accessible online ballot marking system has been developed to gather data from voters about their voting experience using this type of system. Elections officials are encouraged to use the attached list of questions to create their survey. A repository of data gathered with these survey questions has been created by the NFB, and elections officials are encouraged to share their data.
- Documents and videos are available to you free of charge on the NFB's HAVA Web pages to assist you in:
  - Evaluating accessible voting machines;
  - Training poll workers; and
  - Engaging blind citizens in the election process.

To view or download the resources available on the NFB's HAVA Web pages, go to: [http://www.nfb.org/nfb/HAVA\\_intro.asp](http://www.nfb.org/nfb/HAVA_intro.asp).

NFB nonvisual access technology experts are available to you free of charge in our National Center for Nonvisual Election Technology (NCNET) to:

- Answer your questions about accessible voting systems;
- Provide feedback on the accessibility of Web based voter registration forms, voter information guides, and ballot marking systems; and
- Answer questions about how to make the election process in general more accessible to blind voters.

To make a reservation to visit the NCNET for demonstrations and technical expertise, or evaluation of voting machines, contact Clara Van Gerven by telephone at (410) 659-9314, extension 2410, or by e-mail at [cvangerven@nfb.org](mailto:cvangerven@nfb.org).

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