



Building the Power of the Disability Vote

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“I have had POTS for nine years and in that time I have only been able to attend a small part of one town meeting.

Because of my disability I have trouble sitting fully upright for more than an hour or two.

The noise and heat of crowds makes this much more difficult. Resulting in brain fog and fatigue.

These symptoms would make actually participating impossible.

Some days I am not even able to leave my house. I follow town politics, am on a town committee, and often watch and participate in select board meetings via zoom when I am feeling able to.

But because I am not able to attend an in-person, crowded meeting on one specific day, because I am disabled, I have had my vote on town budget and special questions taken from me.

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