



January 15, 2020

Senator Bob Casey
Special Committee on Aging

On behalf of all citizens who struggle to overcome barriers to participating in elections, the Center for Civic Design supports the Accessible Voting Act. Every voter must have options for voting privately and independently and the information they need to choose the best option for them.

The Center for Civic Design is a nonprofit organization that works to ensure that every citizen's interactions with government are easy, effective and pleasant. We work with state and local elections offices and voter advocates to design materials and procedures that are clear, useful, and accessible – removing barriers to voting.

In our design testing and research with voters, we have heard again and again how difficult it is to find accessible information and the challenges of limited voting options for older voters and voters with disabilities.

We hope that the Accessible Voting Act will create resources and support election officials across the country in running elections that meet best practices for accessibility and support all voters—including voters with visual, hearing, physical and cognitive disabilities, older voters, voters with low literacy, and language minorities—in participating in our democracy.

Thank you for introducing this bill and for the goal of improving access to elections for older adults and voters with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Whitney Quesenbery". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Whitney Quesenbery
Director, Center for Civic Design