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The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7610
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RE: SB 1384: Powered wheelchairs: repair (Dodd) – SUPPORT as amended March 21, 2024

Dear Senator Dodd:

We, Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Registrar of Voters, and the Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC), jointly express our support for your powered wheelchair "right-to-repair" bill (SB 1384).

We recognize transportation and mobility challenges as significant barriers to voting for people with disabilities. Wheelchairs and adaptive equipment are essential for voters to access and navigate voting locations and ballot drop boxes.

SB 1384 aims to give consumers the right to access resources and repairs necessary to maintain their independence, quality of life, and voting options without undue barriers or costs.

Three members of the Yolo County VAAC are powered-wheelchair users. Like other Californians who use powered wheelchairs, they have faced considerable delays in obtaining necessary repairs. These delays have resulted in being immobilized in bed for months at a time and, in one case, injury due to an extended wait for a technician visit for a simple repair. These are real-life challenges California voters face.

Powered wheelchairs are more than medical aids; they are lifelines to community and civic engagement. Continuing the limitations to repairs risks excluding voters who rely on powered wheelchairs.

Therefore, the Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee and I strongly urge the passage of Senate Bill 1384.

Sincerely,

Jesse Salinas,
Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/
Registrar of Voters

Kate Laddish,
Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory
Committee Chair

cc: Members and staff, Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protections
        Members and staff, Assembly Committee on Judiciary
        The Hon. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry