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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2018

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate
and House of Representatives

FROM: Ms. Jamie Wolfe, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: HB 400 Election Day Voter Registration

The proposed legislation Reported Out of House Administration Committee on 5/9/18. This bill allows voter registration up to the day of election by applying and presenting adequate identification at the polling place. Currently, the deadline for registration is the fourth Saturday prior to the election. This bill will make it easier for voters to register and/or change their polling place due to change of address, and will lead to greater public participation in the voting process, including among voters with disabilities, who disproportionately do not vote in elections. The use of up to date electronic registration data by the Department of Elections will eliminate any risk of fraud.

The SCPD is endorsing this legislation, which will provide greater access to the voting process for all voters.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our comments on the proposed legislation.

cc: Ms. Laura Waterland, Esq.
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