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As leaders for disability issues in Georgia, our role is to listen to all of Georgia's citizens with disabilities. A significant part of our job is to: ***document the barriers to independence that your constituents face and propose ways to remove those barriers.***

The Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILC) and the Centers for Independent Living across Georgia (CILs) individually and collectively join with ***Rev-Up Georgia*** in condemning the use of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by the Randolph County Election Board to explain the proposed closure of 7 of the 9 polling locations in the county and thereby deny access to the right to vote to the county's citizens. Alleging non-compliance with the ADA in the 11th hour to justify the removal of other individuals' rights flies in the face of the intention behind the ADA of promoting access for all. The SILC and CILs of Georgia stand firm with ***Rev Up Georgia*** in the rejection of this justification.

Respectfully,

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