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Dear Colleagues,

As we’ve discussed in the last two Friday meetings, residents in congregate settings – such as nursing homes, ICF’s and DD centers – are likely to have a much harder time casting a ballot this election.  The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is aware of this – but appears to need a nudge to act.

We have drafted the attached letter (with many thanks to all of you for feedback last week, and thanks to Sam Crane, Michelle Bishop and Erika Hudson for their input).  The letter outlines legal obligations and suggests solutions.  We would love to get as many organizations to sign on as possible – in the next two days.  (The election is SOON!)

Please reply to Chiarra Davis (and/or me), if your organization would like to sign on – we would love to add your name.  (And feel free to reach out to me with any questions).

Thanks!

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