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Rensselaer County Polling Sites Remain Inaccessible

Albany, NY – April 16, 2018 – Disability Rights New York (DRNY) filed a second complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) against Rensselaer County for preventing people with disabilities from voting. In 2016, after DRNY filed a similar complaint, the DOJ demanded Rensselaer County take corrective action to remedy violations. Despite these demands, for the third straight election, DRNY has found inaccessible polling places in Rensselaer County. During the last election, 90% of the sites surveyed by DRNY violated the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal laws.

“Over the last three elections, Rensselaer County has been preventing people with disabilities from voting by not making its polling sites accessible,” said Tim Clune, DRNY Exec. Dir.

Read DRNY's Rensselaer County Report: <http://bit.ly/2K4Gkai>

DRNY is the designated independent non-profit Protection & Advocacy System empowered by Congress to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect and provide legal and non-legal advocacy services to people with disabilities in New York State. The Protection & Advocacy System was created by Congress as a direct result of the horrific conditions that were uncovered in the 1970's at New York's Willowbrook State School.

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