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Subject: Fw: NY Times covers DC Suit

I forward this attached NY Times article only so that you see the disability-based voting rights against the District of Columbia lawsuit filed in September of 2001 DID get some brief national publicity, meaning advocates around the country will be following developments on this lawsuit. Bob Planthold

The following article was in today's New York Times in the National Briefing section...

WASHINGTON

SUIT OVER VOTING MACHINES

A group representing disabled people said it planned to file suit today against the District of Columbia for buying new voting machines that are inaccessible to blind people. Jim Dickson, vice president of the American Association of People with Disabilities, said the suit contended that the purchase violated the Americans With Disabilities Act, which says a jurisdiction's new equipment must be accessible to the blind and the disabled. The district bought optical scan voting machines, in which spaces are marked with a pencil, making it difficult for Washington's 16,000 blind people to vote.

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