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Civil Rights Division
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Thank you for submitting a report to the Civil Rights Division.

Report successfully submitted

Please save your record number for tracking.



Your record number is: **271516-BRJ**

What to expect

① We review your report

Our specialists in the Civil Rights Division carefully read every report to identify civil rights violations, spot trends, and determine if we have authority to help with your report.

② Our specialists determine the next step

We may decide to:

Open an investigation or take some other action within the legal authority of the Justice Department.

Collect more information before we can look into your report.

Recommend another government agency that can properly look into your report. If so, we'll let you know.

In some cases, we may determine that we don't have legal authority to handle your report and will recommend that you seek help from a private lawyer or local legal aid organization.

③ When possible, we will follow up with you

We do our best to let you know about the outcome of our review. However, we may not always be able to provide you with updates because:

We're actively working on an investigation or case related to your report.

We're receiving and actively reviewing many requests at the same time.

If we are able to respond, we will contact you using the contact information you provided in this report. Depending on the type of report, response times can vary. If you need to reach us about your report, please refer to your report number when contacting us. This is how we keep track of your submission.

What you can do next

① Contact local legal aid organizations or a lawyer if you haven't already

Legal aid offices or members of lawyer associations in your state may be able to help you with your issue. American Bar Association, visit www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/flh-home or call (800) 285-2221. Legal Services Corporation (or Legal Aid Offices), to help you find a legal aid lawyer in your area visit www.lsc.gov/find-legal-aid or call (202) 295-1500

② Get help immediately if you are in danger

If you reported an incident where you or someone else has experienced or is still experiencing physical harm or violence, or are in immediate danger, please call 911 and contact the police.

Your submission

Contact

Contact information

Your name

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Address

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HARTFORD, Connecticut 06106

Are you now or have ever been an active duty service member?

No

Primary concern

What is your primary reason for contacting the Civil Rights Division?

Discriminated against in a commercial location or public place

Location

<https://civilrights.justice.gov/report/>

Please choose the type of location that best describes where the incident happened

Public space

Where did this happen?**Organization name**

Legislative Office Building

Address

300 Capitol Avenue

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HARTFORD, Connecticut

Personal characteristics**Do you believe any of these personal characteristics influenced why you were treated this way?**

Disability (including temporary or recovered and including HIV and drug addiction)

Date**When did this happen?**

2/14/2023

Personal description**In your own words, describe what happened**

On February 10 Mary Ann Langton contacted the Clerk of the Environment Committee regarding testimony she wanted to give regarding plastic straws. She requested an accommodation from the clerk which would allow her to arrange for her personal care attendant to read her testimony at the hearing. The accommodation was that she would be given a specific window of time to testify so that she could arrange for her Personal Care Attendant to be available. Ms Langton has Cerebral Palsy and her speech is not always clear and understandable. She only has a PCA for a limited number of hours and could not expect her PCA to wait all day for a time to read her testimony. Contacting the clerk is the protocol outlined in the bulletin to request an accommodation. The clerk told her she could not specify a time that Ms. Langton would be able to testify and she should contact her legislator. She did so. She was not provided with a time.

This is one of several complaints I am filing regarding the ongoing inability of the CT Office of Legislative Management to provide consistent and appropriate accommodations to people with disabilities who are trying to have their voices heard in the legislative process. I coordinate the Ct Cross Disability Alliance and we have attempted to resolve this matter with the Office of Legislative Management through a letter on February 14 and another on March 20. I received a limited response on 2/14 and no response on 3/20. Since this legislative session is half over, the matter needs to be addressed.