

Accessibility Conformance Evaluation

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Subject: Status Update regarding Accessibility Documentation for *Chicago Tribune*

Dear Reaching Across Illinois Library System:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding our accessibility documentation. We strive to make our online properties inclusive and accessible in accordance with applicable accessibility standards and best practices and are committed to continuously improving the availability of our products for all users, including those with disabilities.

Accessibility Evaluation

We are actively engaged in a comprehensive internal accessibility review of our products, including our publishing platform and its core templates, site navigation, and features aligned with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA. As part of our assessment, we will document our product's conformance status in a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT).

Our Evaluation Process

Our accessibility evaluation focuses on the following core phases:

- Conducting systematic audits, web page scans, and testing of user-facing functionality against WCAG 2.1 Level AA success criteria
- Cataloging any identified gaps and remediation plans
- Documenting our conformance status in a comprehensive VPAT

Upon completion of our evaluation, we will provide the final VPAT to you. In the interim, if you have specific accessibility questions or concerns about our product, please contact us at attorney@medianewsgroup.com.

Best regards,

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