

★ ★ ★
ALLIANCE FOR
MILITARY AND OVERSEAS
VOTING RIGHTS



The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Chairman
The Honorable Robert F. Bennett, Ranking Member
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
305 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Schumer and Ranking Member Bennett:

As representatives of the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVR), please allow us to take this opportunity to praise the Senate for addressing the important issue of overseas voting in the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act (S. 1415). You and the cosponsors of the legislation should be commended for their efforts on behalf of the men and women who protect and represent our country abroad. The Alliance strongly supports passage of this legislation and its addition to the National Defense Authorization Act.

AMOVR is a coalition of over 30 military associations, non-profit organizations, elected officials and student groups dedicated to ensuring that Americans abroad have an equal right and opportunity to vote. From its founding, the Alliance has worked to advance the following principles:

- Military and overseas voters must be provided adequate time to receive, complete, and return their absentee ballots;
- States should adopt standardized procedures for registering Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters, delivering blank ballots to them and receiving the cast ballots from them;
- Congress and the states should expand and accelerate research and pilot projects to find technological solutions that provide a secure, efficient and convenient means for military and overseas voters to cast their ballots; and
- The election system should serve both military and overseas civilians.

Although no piece of legislation is perfect, we firmly believe that the MOVE Act takes great strides towards addressing all of these core values, and we encourage that it be passed for on-time implementation in the 2010 elections. Thank you again for your commitment to serving

★ ★ ★
ALLIANCE FOR
MILITARY AND OVERSEAS
VOTING RIGHTS



this important voting community; AMOVR stands ready to assist in any stage of the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Rick Jones

Co-Chair

Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights

Legislative Director

National Association for Uniformed Services

Chip Levensgood

Co-Chair

Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights

Chairman of the Board

Overseas Vote Foundation

Lucy Laederich

Vice-Chair

Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights

U.S. Liaison

Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas

Bryan O'Leary

Vice-Chair

Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights

Senior Fellow

National Defense Committee

★ ★ ★
ALLIANCE FOR
MILITARY AND OVERSEAS
VOTING RIGHTS

Members of the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights

American Citizens Abroad	Fleet Reserve Association
American Foreign Service Association	Florida Voters Foundation
American Military Retirees Association	International Peace Operations Association
American Military Society	Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
American Retirees Association	The Hon. Jeremy Kalin, Minnesota House of Representatives
American WWII Orphans Network	Korea War Veterans Foundation
Association of Americans Resident Overseas	Military Officers Association of America
Association of the United States Navy	National Association for Uniformed Services
Bexar County Elections, Texas	National Defense Committee
BIPAC	National Guard Association of the United States
Brennan Center for Justice	National Military Family Association
The Hon. Jennifer Brunner, Ohio Secretary of State	Operation BRAVO Foundation
The Hon. Beth Chapman, Alabama Secretary of State	Overseas Vote Foundation
Count Us In, Inc.	Pew Charitable Trusts
Empire Capitol Strategies	Reserve Officers Association
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States	Rock the Vote
Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas	The Retired Enlisted Association
	Verified Voting Foundation