



**Republican  
National  
Committee**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING VOTING OF OVERSEAS MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

**Whereas**, our men and women serving overseas in the U.S. military deserve our very best efforts to ensure they can exercise their right to vote and that they are not disenfranchised because their ballots arrive home too late to be counted; and

**Whereas**, as the result of efforts by Senator John Cornyn and Representative Kevin McCarthy to enact the Military Voter Protection Act, Congress passed The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, which provides for an express delivery system for military ballots from overseas; and

**Whereas**, at the insistence of Democrats in the U.S. Senate, The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act gives a monopoly on the federally funded delivery of such ballots to the U.S. Postal Service, and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Postal Service at the current time will not guarantee timely delivery of ballots mailed less than one week before the election; and

**Whereas**, allowing free and open competition among express delivery providers could shorten the guaranteed delivery time for most military ballots to four days or less; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee urges Congress to change the law to require that if the U.S. Postal Service cannot guarantee timely delivery to the proper election officials of military ballots within four days of the general election, that delivery providers be selected by an open and transparent competitive process, to ensure timely delivery of military ballots from overseas.

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