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Dear Senator Cornyn:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of nationally prominent military and veterans organizations representing in excess of five million active duty, Guard and Reserve, retired and former members of the uniformed services, plus their families and survivors, strongly supports the “Military Voting Protection Act of 2009” (S. 1026), which would amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of marked absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters.

The Coalition believes it is vitally important to reduce the delays in the absentee voting process currently in place for our overseas troops. Authorizing the U.S. Postal Service to express-ship service members’ completed absentee ballots to local election offices by their statutory deadline will safeguard voter privacy and ballot security. Furthermore, it will help ensure that those who fight for our freedoms will have their votes counted.

The Coalition salutes you for your leadership on this important issue and stands ready to assist your efforts to advance this legislation in the 111th Congress.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(Signatures attached)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
American Logistics Association
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
Association of the United States Army
Association of the United States Navy
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Military Officers Association of America
National Association for Uniformed Services
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
National Order of Battlefield Commissions
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Officers Association
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces
The Retired Enlisted Association
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States