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HOUSE PANEL UNANIMOUSLY BACKS MILITARY VOTING RIGHTS BILL

Military Voting Rights USA praised the House Administration Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives for today unanimously approving the Military Voting Protection Act sponsored by Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Dan Boren (D-OK), and 32 other House co-sponsors.

"If this bill is enacted, military voters will be able to get their ballots express mailed home in 4 days, not 3 weeks" said Jessie Jane Duff, a 20 year U.S. Marine Corps veteran from the group Military Voting Rights USA.

Ms. Duff testified in favor of the bill on May 21, 2009 at the Committee on House Administration's Elections Subcommittee hearing on military voting.

"There is no reason military voters should not be able to cast their vote on the Friday before the election and know that it will be counted on Tuesday" said Ms. Duff.

"With four day instead of 3 Week ballot delivery time, turnout will increase and fewer military voters will be disenfranchised because their ballots arrive too late to be counted" said Ed Fitzmaurice, another leader of Military Voting Rights USA and a former U.S. Marine Corps pilot. Mr. Fitzmaurice served until recently as Chairman of the U.S. Government's National Mediation Board.

We hope that H.R. 2393 will be brought to the House floor for a vote in the near future" said Fitzmaurice.

Senator John Cornyn has introduced an identical bill S. 1026 in the U.S. Senate with 25 bipartisan co-sponsors.

Military Voting Rights USA is a national network of veterans and military voting rights advocates, including Ohio Veterans United, working to make it easier for military voters to participate in the elections process.

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