NASS Resolution: Get the Ballots of Military Voters Home on Time

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance that the absentee or mail ballots of those who serve overseas in our nation's military have their absentee or mail ballots delivered home to the polling place in the shortest possible time;

WHEREAS, the MOVE Act takes laudable steps in this direction by establishing an express delivery system for overseas military absentee or mail ballots;

WHEREAS, the MOVE Act does not provide for open competition among express delivery providers, but instead grants a monopoly to just one such provider;

WHEREAS, the MOVE Act provides guaranteed delivery of absentee or mail ballots mailed within 7 days of a general election, when a shorter delivery time would likely be possible with open competition;

WHEREAS, NASS has previously endorsed the concept of an express delivery system with guaranteed delivery by the close of the polls on election day for overseas military absentee or mail ballots delivered just 4 days before a general election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NASS urges Congress to modify the MOVE Act to provide open competition among express delivery providers and to guarantee delivery of absentee or mail ballots mailed 4 days before the general election, except where the Secretary of Defense has certified that extraordinary circumstances warrant an exception.

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