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The Military Vote Coalition writes in support of Amendment #219 to the 2023 NDAA. This legislation will enact a GAO report that will gather information that is critically needed to better inform public policy regarding military voter support.

As every family who is serving or has served in the US Armed Forces knows, registering to vote can be a tricky and intimidating process, especially for families who frequently move duty stations. According to the Department of Defense (DoD)'s Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), military voters were 27% less likely to have voted in 2020 than their civilian counterparts – an unfortunate sign that casting a ballot remains inaccessible to too many service families.

This legislation will help better elucidate the disconnect between existing statutory requirements for voter registration support, and their implementation.

Our military community includes people in a diverse range of roles – from actively-serving members to veterans, from spouses and kids to caregivers and survivors. The information gathered through this report will help folks in all stages of their military career, as policymakers learn how families can be better prepared for future transitions.