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## **RNLA Calls on DOJ to Act on Military Ballots**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Following news reports that the Justice Department is failing to hold states accountable for complying with the MOVE Act, the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) today called on the Obama administration to act immediately to guarantee military service members can vote in this fall's elections.

The MOVE Act, passed in 2009 with bipartisan support, mandates that states send out ballots to military members serving overseas at least 45 days before the elections. Yet with the midterm elections only three weeks away, [media report that some states, including New York](#), not only missed the deadline last month – but have still have not sent ballots overseas.

“Nobody deserves to vote more than Americans serving overseas,” said David Norcross, RNLA Chair. “The MOVE Act was passed last year to ensure that these brave men and women would have a voice in this fall's elections. It's unacceptable that any state would fail to meet that obligation. The Obama administration must act swiftly to guarantee that ever service member receives his or her ballot in time to vote.”

Last week, the Justice Department filed suit against Guam for failing to comply with the MOVE Act. But to ensure the integrity of this fall's elections, the Justice Department must ensure that all states are adhering to the law.

“Filing a suit in Guam is not a serious attempt to ensure that every state following the law and ensuring military votes,” Norcross said. “The Justice Department should be filing similar suits in New York and any other state that is failing to meet the MOVE Act.”

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