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## CSG Overseas Voting Initiative Releases Policy Recommendations Report

The Council of State Governments Overseas Voting Initiative's Policy Working Group, a group of state and local election officials from across the United States as well as election administration experts, released today policy recommendations for improving the voting experience for U.S. military voters and citizens living abroad.

The CSG OVI Policy Working Group—led by co-chairs Kim Wyman, Washington secretary of state, and David Stafford, supervisor of elections for Escambia County, Florida—identified three primary areas where state and local governments can improve the overseas and military voting process: voter registration, voter communication and engagement with the U.S. military community.

The report titled, "**Overseas Voting: Strategies for Engaging Every Voter**," is available for [download here](#).

Recommendations in the 13-page report include using plain language, creating more user-friendly electronic ballot return envelopes, implementing a standard validity period for the Federal Post Card Application and treating it as a permanent request for voter registration, and establishing a partnership between state and local election officials and local military installations.

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