



Meet a new constituency!

Join the Americans Abroad Caucus

Globalization, enhanced communication and mobility means that more Americans than ever are living overseas. State Department statistics from 2011 conservatively estimate the number at 6.32 million, excluding government personnel. That figure is growing exponentially as we pass our citizenship on through the generations.

At present, we face serious, adverse and highly-publicized consequences from legislation in areas such as immigration and taxation policies. These issues impact all categories of overseas citizens, regardless of gender, age, income, ethnicity, sexual orientation and political persuasion.

As a constituency, we are without a dedicated voice or representation in Congress. In 2009, Representatives Carolyn Maloney and Joe Wilson founded the **Americans Abroad Caucus** to provide a bi-partisan forum for the discussion of those issues of vital importance to our constituency.

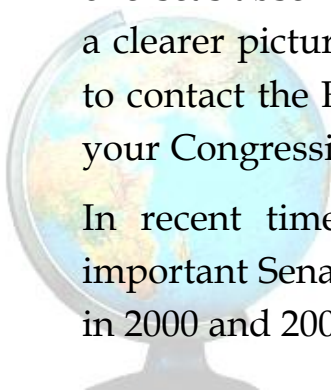


Please consider joining!

Overseas Americans have had the right to vote by absentee ballot in federal elections since 1975. We are a huge - and growing - untapped reservoir of voters. New voting laws and online tools ensure that more of us than ever are casting ballots.

The Electoral Assistance Commission (EAC) separately tabulates overseas absentee ballots to provide elected officials and candidates with a clearer picture of their overseas American constituents. We urge you to contact the EAC and learn more about those voting from overseas in your Congressional district.

In recent times our votes have provided the winning margins in important Senate and House races and influenced Presidential outcomes in 2000 and 2008. Our votes impact both sides of the political aisle.



Tightly contested races are becoming the norm. The combination of urgent problems and motivated voters can have potent results on election day. **Building a relationship with us could be rewarding.**



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After you join the Americans Abroad Caucus, we urge you to:

- Encourage your colleagues in the upper house to start an **Americans Abroad Caucus in the Senate.**
- **Protect overseas voters' rights** by encouraging states to fully implement federal voting regulations.
- Support staffing and funding levels for the **Electoral Assistance Commission** to facilitate the fulfillment of its mandate.
- Become a co-sponsor of **HR 597** to establish a **Bi-Partisan Commission** to
 1. Formally study the impact of U.S. legislation and regulation on overseas Americans, and
 2. Report its findings back to Congress and the Administration.
- Join us for a **global conference call**. Just ask Elizabeth Warren (2012), Barbara Boxer (2012), Ed Markey (2013) and Cory Booker (2013) how great they are. It's like having a Town Hall or House Party but with voters all over the world.
- Post online voter registration and ballot request tool www.VoteFromAbroad.org on your website and in your print ads.
- **Let us know when you are travelling abroad. We would love to welcome you!**

