



**United States Department of State**

***Assistant Secretary of State  
for Consular Affairs***

***Washington, D.C. 20520***

Dear Fellow Americans:

I ask you to participate in the Federal Voting Survey for 2004.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 is designed to help U.S. citizens residing abroad exercise their right to vote. The post-election Federal Voting Survey measures the experience of U.S. citizens living overseas during the 2004 Federal election process. The survey results will be presented to the President and Congress, and the findings will be used to improve the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Our embassies and consulates have selected participants' names by a completely random method. We have taken every precaution to guard your privacy and to ensure that your response is kept anonymous. You do not need to put your name or address on the questionnaire or return envelope.

I would sincerely appreciate your cooperation in completing and returning the attached questionnaire in the stamped envelope provided for your convenience. You can also respond via the Internet at <https://survey.sirota.com/oscitfvap2004>. Your access code is on the front page of your survey at the bottom right.

If you have questions regarding the questionnaire, you may consult with the Voting Assistance Officer at the nearest American embassy or consulate, or send an email to [mcardoso@sirota.com](mailto:mcardoso@sirota.com).

We need you to make this survey a complete success. Thank you for joining our effort to improve the voting program for Americans abroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maura Hart".

Maura Hart