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HEALTH AFFAIRS

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David E. Beirne
Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program

Re: Survey of Registered Voters Living Overseas

Dear Mr. Beirne,

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Research Regulatory Oversight Office (R2O2) has reviewed the material submitted for the above referenced study. We find that this activity does not meet the definition of human subject research under 32 CFR 219 as it is not designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

During our review, we noted that the R2O2 contact information in the "Statement of Risk" section of the Privacy Notice is out of date. Please delete the phone numbers referenced and change the email address to R2O2@mail.mil.

Although the human subject regulations do not apply to this activity, it is our expectation that this activity will be conducted in an ethical manner and in accordance with the protocol. If any changes to the study are planned, please submit them to me prior to implementation as this may affect the determination.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at R2O2@mail.mil.

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