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WARDEN MESSAGE

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Warden Message: Sending Your Ballot

American citizens should have already mailed their absentee ballots for the November 4, 2008 presidential and general elections. Mail transmission from the U.S. Embassy to the United States takes approximately fourteen days. Ballots submitted to the U.S. Embassy now may not arrive in the United States by November 4.

Forgot to mail your ballot?

Although the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh and Consulates General in Dhahran and Jeddah can transmit your ballot free of charge, it is too late to guarantee arrival by November 4. Voters who have not yet mailed their absentee ballots should consider alternate means including express courier. A few states also accept completed ballots by fax or e-mail.

Check the Voting Assistance Guide (<http://www.fvap.gov/for-voting-assistance-officers/vote-guide/index.html>) for your state's deadlines and fax/e-mail options.

Ballot hasn't arrived?

If your ballot has not arrived, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (<http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/get-backup-fed-write-in-ballot/index.html>). The FWAB serves as an emergency ballot for voters who registered in time but fail to receive an official ballot from local election officials. The FWAB is available at www.fvap.gov or from any U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

If your regular state ballot arrives after you have mailed the FWAB, complete and mail the state ballot as well.

Questions?

The Voting Assistance Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh is available to answer questions about absentee voting. To contact the Voting Assistance Officer, please send an e-mail to VoteRiyadh@state.gov.

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American citizens are reminded to keep their registration up-to-date. See <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> for registration information.

You can also review earlier Warden Messages at <http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/service/advisories-for-americans-in-ksa/warden-messages.html>.

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