

## Coffman: Waiver Denial a Victory for Troops

**(LONE TREE, CO)** - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) issued the following statement today in response to the Department of Defense's decision to deny Colorado a waiver temporarily exempting the state from complying with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act:

"This is a great victory for the men and women of Colorado serving on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan. The greatest freedom afforded to American citizens is the right to vote and Coloradans serving in harm's way will now be guaranteed the opportunity to vote in this election."

"When I was Secretary of State I fought hard for our men and women in uniform to ensure even for those serving in the most remote forward operating bases of Iraq and Afghanistan had the opportunity to vote. I continued that work as a member of the House Armed Services Committee in Congress helping ensure the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act was included in the final 2010 National Defense Authorization bill."

"As I have said before, we owe it to our men and women in uniform to do everything possible to ensure that their ballots are counted and we must break down the barriers that all too often stand in their way when trying to access their right to vote. Today's ruling is a victory for our sailors, soldiers, airmen, and Marines serving overseas."

Congressman Coffman served both in the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps and is the only Member of Congress to serve in both the first Gulf War and the Iraq War. He also served as Colorado's Secretary of State in 2007 and 2008.