

Murphy Statement on Quick Committee Passage of Legislation to Allow Nonpartisan Voter Registration at VA Facilities

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) released the following statement after the House Administration Committee approved by voice the Veteran Voting Support Act. The legislation requires the Secretary of Veteran Affairs (VA) to allow nonpartisan organizations to provide voter registration information and assistance at VA facilities. The Department of Veterans Affairs recently adopted a voting assistance policy that has been heavily criticized for not permitting voter registration drives.

"Today's quick committee approval of this bill proves just how wrong the VA is on this issue. Our veterans fought to preserve our democracy, and to deny them access to voter registration drives and simple information about voting in November is unbelievable," said Murphy.

Murphy was joined at a press conference yesterday in Cheshire to announce this legislation with Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, veterans, and representatives from voting rights organizations. Today, Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell publicly endorsed the legislation.

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