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## Updates to Backup Ballot Available for Final Review

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The redesign of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (SF-186) is nearly complete. Thanks to all those who commented on both the content and design of the draft form during the 60-day comment period. Your feedback helped optimize usability and intuitiveness.

All comments are posted in the current 30-day Federal Register announcement, which is the last notice prior to final review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The draft version of the FWAB can be found using the links below:

**To view the Federal Register Notice:**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/04/2017-16420/submission-for-omb-review-comment-request>

**To view the Draft Form:**

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOD-2017-OS-0011-0075>

**To submit comments and suggestions online:**

Comments and usability feedback should be submitted on the Federal eRulemaking Portal using the links above or <http://www.regulations.gov> by September 5, 2017.

**Submit comments and usability feedback by mail at the address below by September 5, 2017:**

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Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer  
Directorate for Oversight and Compliance  
Regulatory and Advisory Committee Division  
4800 Mark Center Drive  
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Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Please do not send comments directly to FVAP.

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