Copy of the email going out regularly to people who just want an email about the FWAB, not personalized follow-up

Thanks for requesting more information about the Backup Ballot--the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

The Backup Ballot is specifically for overseas voters who are concerned their ballot won’t get to their election office by the deadline to vote.

Due to postal delays in many countries caused by the global pandemic, and the ongoing sabotage to the US Postal Service, we highly recommend that voters mail in a Backup Ballot NOW if you vote in a state that requires ballots to be returned by mail.

You must mail back your ballot if you vote in any of these states:
**AR, CT, GA, ID, IL, KY, MD, MI, MN, NH, NY, OH, PA, SD, TN, VA,** and **WI**

In addition, these states require overseas voters to mail back their ballots unless specific circumstances apply:

**NJ**: Accepts ballots returned by email or fax, but you must also mail in the original ballot at the same time.
**TX**: Non-military overseas voters to mail back their ballots.
**VT**: Must mail back ballot unless you are in a country for which mail service to the US has been suspended and you have no other means of returning your ballot by mail.

For information on how to vote using the Backup Ballot (FWAB), go to: [www.votefromabroad.org/FWAB](http://www.votefromabroad.org/FWAB)

And for step-by-step instructions, you can review [these slides](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qbBkhsi9lXtZ62Agn_579Q8rJWadP-Vn5Bj2UBfuLuw/edit#slide=id.g8fd837a3b9_0_133).

If you have any questions, please write back --we’re here to help you vote! Please contact the Voter Help Desk at: **info@democratsabroad.org**