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The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senator for Kansas
Chairman, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Kennedy
United States Senator for Louisiana
383 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Moran and Senator Kennedy,

On behalf of AMAC Action, the advocacy affiliate of AMAC - the Association of Mature American Citizens, and our more than 2 million members, I am writing to express our strong support for the **Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act**. This legislation ensures that our veterans' due process and Second Amendment rights are fully protected.

Veterans who have sacrificed so much to safeguard our freedoms deserve the same Constitutional protections as every other American. Unfortunately, the current practice of reporting veterans to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) simply because they require a fiduciary to manage their VA benefits, unfairly stigmatizes them and deprives them of their rights without due process. There is no evidence to support the assumption that veterans needing assistance with financial management are inherently dangerous, and such a practice perpetuates harmful stereotypes that deter veterans from seeking the help they need.

The Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act corrects this injustice by ensuring that no veteran is reported to NICS without a court ruling determining that they are a danger to themselves or others. This approach aligns with the standards applied to civilians and reflects the foundational principles of fairness and justice that our country upholds. By addressing this issue, the legislation also removes barriers that discourage veterans from accessing mental health services and other support, an outcome that is critical for their well-being.

AMAC Action commends your leadership in introducing this vital legislation which represents a meaningful step towards honoring the service of our nation's heroes and ensuring their Constitutional rights are protected.

Sincerely,

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