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May 19, 2023

The Honorable Thomas Massie
Kentucky 4th Congressional District
2453 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Massie:

On behalf of the 2.1 million members of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), I am writing in support of the Senior Citizens Tax Elimination Act, H.R. 3206. This legislation will help millions of seniors nationwide by excluding tier I railroad retirement benefits and Social Security benefits when calculating annual gross income.

Every year, millions of seniors become eligible for either Social Security or tier I railroad retirement benefits. After working for decades, paying taxes on their hard-earned income to fund these federal programs, some seniors are forced to pay income tax on the benefits they receive from the federal government. Taxing benefits which were created from already taxed funds is nonsensical and curtails retirement benefits seniors have been promised. Seniors deserve to reap the full benefits of their hard work from career-long contributions to Social Security and the Railroad Retirement Plan.

The Senior Citizens Tax Elimination Act will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove the inclusion of tier I railroad retirement benefits and Social Security benefits in an individual's gross income. As this legislation takes effect, seniors will notice their tax liability is significantly reduced. Seniors will no longer be burdened unnecessary taxes on their federally earned benefits.

As an organization committed to representing seniors, AMAC supports efforts to protect our members. We applaud you, Congressman Massie, for providing a solution to help seniors receive the full federal benefits they were promised. AMAC is pleased to offer our organization's full support to the Senior Citizens Tax Elimination Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Carlstrom
President
AMAC Action