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Iowa House State Government Committee
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Cc: Representatives Jane Bloomingdale (Chair), Austin Harris (Vice Chair), Amy Nielsen (Ranking Member), Austin Baeth, Michael R. Bergan, Jacob Bossman, Taylor R. Collins, Jeff Cooling, Dunwell, J. Gjerde, Cindy Golding, Craig P. Johnson, Bobby Kaufmann, Shannon Lundgren, Heather Matson, Michael V. Sexton, Brent Siegrist, Megan L. Srinivas, Sue Steckman, John H. Wills, Derek Wulf, David E. Young, Adam Zabner

Members of the Iowa Committee on State Government,

On behalf of the over 2.1 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, including over 24,300 members residing in Iowa, I write to offer our support for [H.F. 2610](#), a bill intended to promote election integrity in Iowa, and to ban ranked choice voting.

AMAC Members consider their God-given right to vote as sacred. They want this right protected and perpetuated for their children and grandchildren. Our membership has shared their concern about ranked-choice voting and its threat to the proper administration of elections.

First and foremost, we must look at the complexity created by RCV compared to the current system. Our current system's simplicity is its strongest feature, one person has one vote for one candidate for each open office. RCV does the opposite by forcing voters to choose multiple candidates, including some for whom they have little information, creating confusion.

Also, the RCV model can be especially difficult for senior Americans who have spent more than 30 years using the *simple and effective* one-person, one-vote system. The complexity of RCV will lead to the disenfranchisement of voters who are unfamiliar with how to rank their choices. RCV is also more likely to lead to errors on the ballot, and those errors hide the true intent of the voting public.

AMAC members care deeply about election integrity and the need for free and fair elections. AMAC Action echoes their concerns because the evidence shows that ranked-choice voting corrupts the democratic process. AMAC Action is grateful that this bill protects it and is pleased to offer our organization's full support for H.F. 2610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom".

Bob Carlstrom
President
AMAC Action