

January 30, 2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson Chair, Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs Kansas State Capitol 300 SW 10th Ave Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Thompson,

On behalf of the over 2.1 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, including over 26,600 residing in Kansas, I write to offer our support for SB 6, a bill intended to prohibit ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Kansas elections.

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 legislation protects it and is pleased to offer our organization's full support for SB 6.

Sincerely,

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