



January 22, 2025

The Honorable Mike Bost  
12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Illinois  
Chairman, House Veterans Affairs Committee  
1211 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bost,

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Mangione Jr.".

Andrew J. Mangione Jr.  
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