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The Honorable Todd Huston
Speaker of the House
Indiana House of Representatives
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Honorable Brad Barrett
Chair, Public Health Committee
Indiana House of Representatives
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Huston and Chairman Barrett:

On behalf of the over 2.1 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, including over 54,000 who reside in Indiana, I write to offer our support for HB 1426. This important bill adds another layer of protection for consumers by requiring medical, pharmaceutical, biological, or technical products that have been designated as immune from liability under federal law to undergo a placebo-controlled study before they can be distributed, manufactured, marketed, or administered.

This commonsense legislation works to avoid the potential disastrous effects of medications, vaccines, and treatments and prevent serious health consequences should these therapies be mandated for the population at-large.

This bill also requires the Indiana Department of Health to monitor and publish data which affords consumers the opportunity to make informed decisions regarding their healthcare. Importantly, this legislation contains measures that allow the Attorney General or a private individual to bring an action if the requirements concerning liability shield products are not met.

Indiana has a prime opportunity to protect its citizens from fast-tracked and potentially unsafe medications or devices that would seek liability shield protection by setting a minimum time of five years for safety research and requiring that all studies include placebo-controlled trials as this bill directs.

It is for this reason that we urge you, Speaker Huston and Chairman Barrett, to schedule hearings for HB 1426 soon and offer your strong support for this potentially life-saving legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Mangione Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew J. Mangione Jr.
Senior Vice President, AMAC Action