

September 1, 2020

The Honorable Dan Sullivan Senator from Alaska 302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema Senator from Arizona 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Cc. Representative Mike Levin (CA-49)

Dear Senators Sinema and Sullivan,

On behalf of the 2.2 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, I write to offer our support for S. 3898, the *Homeless Veterans Coronavirus Response Act of 2020* and its House companion, H.R. 7105.

The coronavirus has presented America with many social, financial and health challenges. As a nation, we cannot afford to overlook the vulnerable members of our society during this crisis, especially those who have honorably served in our armed forces. Homeless veterans represent one of the most at-risk demographics for COVID-19 infection and are certainly deserving all of the support and care they need to fight this virus.

S. 3898 would relax certain regulations and enable the Veterans Administration (VA) to use existing resources to offer homeless veterans the additional assistance they may need, including transportation, communication devices and services, and basic amenities, like clothing, blankets, and hygiene items. The bill would also allow the VA to work with partner organizations to set up shelters on its properties. Importantly, the bill ensures homeless veterans have access to the VA's telehealth services.

Thank you, Senators Sinema and Sullivan, and your bipartisan colleagues, for sponsoring legislation that keeps homeless veterans and their healthcare needs top-of-mind during this pandemic. As an organization comprised of many veterans, AMAC is pleased to offer our organization's full support for S. 3898, the *Homeless Veterans Coronavirus Response Act of 2020* and its companion, H.R. 7105.

Sincerely,

President, AMAC Action

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