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June 5, 2023

The Honorable Rand Paul
Senator from Kentucky
167 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kat Cammack
3rd Congressional District of Florida
1626 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Paul and Representative Cammack,

On behalf of the 2.1 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, including over 28,300 members in Kentucky, and over 7,300 members in FL-03, I am pleased to convey our support for S. 184 and its companion bill H.R. 277, together, the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023".

The "Administrative State" under the Executive Branch, also known as the "unconstitutional fourth branch of government", exists without direct accountability to Congress or "We the People" of the United States, and has run rampant with regulations that have the effect of law. The Executive Branch has no constitutional authority to make law, but regulatory agencies under it have done so, to the detriment of our national welfare, for far too long. They have allowed unelected bureaucrats to rule by fiat, a special flavor of tyranny that has no place in our constitutional and representative republic.

The REINS Act clearly and concretely defines the process for congressional review of rules proposed by the Executive Branch agencies subject to the laws enacted by Congress. It allows the light of public awareness to shine on the rulemaking process for regulations yet to be for both public and congressional awareness and review. Additionally, and most importantly, it defines specific procedures for congressional approval or disapproval for both "major" and "non-major" rules. An appropriate allowance for Presidential emergency authority to enact a rule is retained, but it is also limited in time and congressional review is still required.

AMAC thanks you, Senator Paul, and Representative Cammack, for your vision and strong leadership in introducing this important legislation to restore the Legislative Branch's constitutional authority to make appropriate law at the direction of the people of the United States of America. Therefore, we offer our full support for the REINS Act.

Sincerely,

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

Bob Carlstrom
President
AMAC Action