



February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Honorable Mike Lee  
U.S. Senate  
316 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lee,

On behalf of the more than 1.1 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing to offer our strong support for your bill, the “Welfare Reform and Upward Mobility Act.” This important piece of legislation seeks to restore integrity to American welfare programs while incentivizing work, encouraging the prosperity of healthy, self-sufficient families, and reducing our nation’s burgeoning National debt.

The Welfare Reform and Upward Mobility Act institutes a number of commonsense policies needed to reduce the number of individuals on state welfare rolls. Strengthening work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), capping the number of welfare programs that can be means-tested, and requiring the President to report means-tested welfare spending in his annual budget submission are specific provisions that enhance accountability for government spending on welfare programs. Furthermore, this legislation promises to reward grant money to states that reduce poverty and citizens’ government dependence and to penalize states that fail to meet the standards of the bill’s work activation programs.

Additionally, the Welfare Reform and Upward Mobility Act includes a provision that strictly prohibits the Federal funding of abortions. As an organization that is wholly dedicated to the preservation of life and the protection of the innocent, AMAC firmly believes that this bill is a necessary and responsible step in upholding the sanctity of life for all. With new health regulations recently passed at the Federal level, this bill ensures that taxpayer dollars are not used in support of medical procedures that may conflict with the ethical and religious beliefs of many American citizens.

As the fastest-growing conservative seniors organization in the country, AMAC remains committed to advancing policies that encourage greater self-sufficiency and that act responsibly to diminish the role of government in the lives of individuals. Thanks to your concern and attention for this significant issue, AMAC is pleased to support the Welfare Reform and Upward Mobility Act.

Sincerely,  
Dan Weber  
President and Founder of AMAC