



December 4, 2020

The Honorable Bob Casey
Senator from Pennsylvania
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pat Toomey
Senator from Pennsylvania
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Casey and Toomey,

On behalf of the more than 2.3 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, including over 93,000 who reside in the state of Pennsylvania and all mature Americans nationwide, I write to express our support for your bipartisan legislation, S. 4866, the *Nursing Home Reform Modernization Act of 2020*.

A staggering number of Americans have died from the coronavirus in nursing homes and long-term care facilities throughout the country. Clearly, the issues of quality of care and accountability urgently need to be addressed in all facilities that care for America's seniors, but especially so in those that have consistently failed to meet federal standards.

Your bill increases the number of nursing homes in the Special Focus Facility (SFF) Program in order to provide much needed oversight for those facilities that have repeatedly failed to meet Medicare and Medicaid standards in areas like infection control and prevention and other abuses by a significant margin. S. 4866 also creates an Advisory Council comprised of diverse representation for older adults, people with disabilities, nursing homes, states, and others to advise Health and Human Services (HHS) on how to appropriately rank the performance of nursing home programs.

Thank you, Senators Casey and Toomey, for your commitment to increasing the quality of care for our seniors in nursing homes and also for prioritizing their safety in these facilities. AMAC is pleased to offer our organization's full support for S. 4866, the *Nursing Home Reform Modernization Act of 2020*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Carlstrom
President, AMAC Action