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Statement to the
Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government

Senate Bill 112

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Kansas AARP State Legislative Committee
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Senator Hardenburger, Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government: I am a volunteer member of the Kansas Association of Retired Persons State Legislative Committee, whose purpose is to advocate legislation for the large Kansas AARP membership.

The Kansas AARP State Legislative Committee recommends that campaign finance laws need to be strengthened by the Legislature. We believe stricter controls should be made on political campaigns through limits on contributions and time frames for raising campaign funds. Senate Bill 112 will advance this objective.

Kansas statute, K.S.A. 25-4153, now restricts registered lobbyists and political committees from making campaign contributions to legislators and legislative candidates between January 1 and May 15 and any other time the Legislature is in session. Senate Bill 112 inserts the word, "person," as defined in K.S.A.-4143 (h), to exclude more contributors, and it adds more political categories prohibited from receiving campaign contributions. This new bill will amend and strengthen the current statute.

AARP supports this proposed legislation and asks that the Committee send SB112 to the Senate for passage.

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