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J.D. Vance's Continuing Support of Official English in Government



ProEnglish and our nationwide supporters are fortunate to have the support of US Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) because he is one of the biggest proponents of Official English. He is the chief sponsor of the English Language Unity Act (S. 1109) in the United State Senate.

In a meeting with ProEnglish Board member Phil Kent, Vance emphasized that this legislation is essential for America. Vance also underscored that the English language – our common tongue – has been a cornerstone of American culture for over 250 years.

In a Fox News interview, Vance said, “It is far past time for Congress to codify its place into law, which is exactly what this bill does. This commonsense legislation recognizes an inherent truth: English is the language of this country. That is why an overwhelming majority of the American people support this proposal.”

With English as the official language of government, he told Kent that each federal agency would have to work to ensure that persons, entities, and all recipients of federal financial assistance would not be burdened by any additional requirements for any other foreign language access, translations or interpretations.

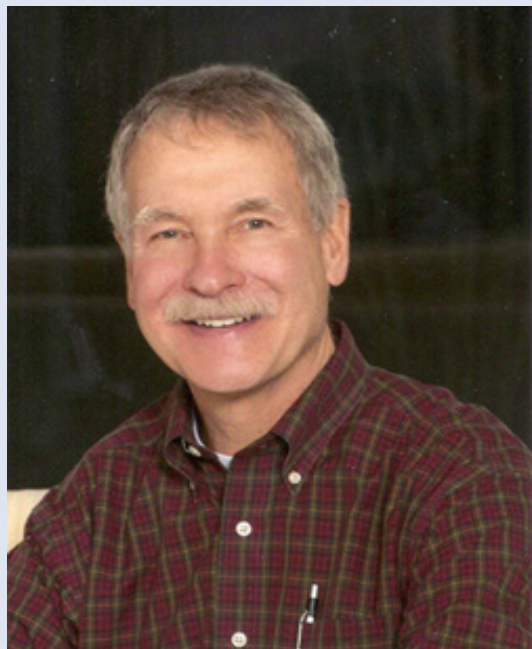
Now is the time to act and generate as much support as possible for official English. If signed into law, this legislation will save untold millions in taxpayers dollars, encourage assimilation, and help unite our country.

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Kenneth “KC” McAlpin, RIP

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On September 29th, 2024, Kenneth Courtenay McAlpin, known to his many friends as “KC,” died at age 78 in Amissville, Virginia from pancreatic cancer. At the time of his death, the longtime ProEnglish Board member, treasurer and former executive director was surrounded by his loving family.

KC was born on February 15, 1946, in Rochester, Pennsylvania, the second of five children born to the late Joseph Roderick McAlpin Jr. and Martha A. (McAlpin) Blanchard. He grew up in Houston, Texas, where he attended St. John’s School and then Memorial High School, class of 1964. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Texas in 1969 and earned a master’s degree from Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, Arizona.

After graduate school, KC joined Exxon Corp’s international audit staff, and traveled throughout South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. His work brought him face to face with the environmental damage and poverty in Latin America, which resulted in their emigration to America. Following Exxon, KC worked at Diamond Shamrock Corporation in international auditing and corporate development.

KC’s life changed in 1981 when he answered an employment help wanted ad in the Wall Street Journal placed by a new organization called the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) in Washington D.C. Unlike KC’s work in the corporate world, FAIR advocated for policy reforms to stem illegal immigration and keep legal immigration at a moderate level that the U.S. could absorb without harming its own citizens’ wages and job opportunities.

After moving to the Washington D.C. area in 1982 to join FAIR’s staff, KC eventually became the executive director of ProEnglish. In 2010, KC moved to Harbor Springs, Michigan, while continuing his ProEnglish work. When living in northern Virginia, he belonged to The Falls Church Episcopal Church (now Anglican) and served as the head of its men’s ministry. It was through The Falls Church that KC found his true faith in Jesus Christ. He later joined New Life Anglican Church in Petoskey, Michigan, where he served on the Vestry and as treasurer. KC believed in helping others and volunteered for ministries helping the unemployed find work both in northern Virginia and Michigan.

To me, KC was more than a tireless ally in our mutual fight for common sense immigration. For more than 30 years, KC was my friend. We shared stories about our international travels, Longhorns’ football, our dogs and how great homemade Texas dishes could be prepared with just a cast iron pan and a quart of buttermilk.

KC will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves his children Holly, Bonnie and David; his grandson Elijah; as well as his brothers Rod, Pete, Wayo, and Mac; his sister Ashley; his Aunts JoAnn and Patricia, and his former wives Nancy and Louise.



2024 Federal Election Candidate Survey On Official English

Editor's Note: We think our readers would be interested in the candidate survey that ProEnglish sent to members of Congress on the eve of the November elections. We produced it below.

What "Official English" Means: Making English the Official Language of U.S. Government Operations simply means that when government acts in its official capacity i.e. when its words are legally binding, it must do so in the English language. It DOES NOT prevent the government from using other languages for any number of common sense reasons like protecting public health and safety, diplomacy etc., or for anything else government decides to do.

The United States is Out of Step with the World: 92 percent of the world's nations have at least one official language. Sixty-five nations have made English an official language including thirty-five that have made English their sole official language. In addition, thirty-one U.S. states have made English their official language.

Why do It? In addition to resolving conflicts between languages to decide which is "official (see above)," it is important to clarify that while the U.S. is a pluralistic nation made up of many different peoples, the people of the U.S. intend to preserve their common, unifying language and therefore new immigrants have a responsibility to learn and use English.

Question 1: If elected, would you vote for or co-sponsor the English Language Unity Act (H.R. 997/S.1109), that requires all official functions of the United States to be conducted in English, requires the establishment of a uniform language requirement for naturalization, and sets the framework for uniform testing of English language ability for candidates for naturalization.

- a. _____ I would vote for
- b. _____ I would co-sponsor
- c. _____ I would oppose
- d. _____ I prefer not to answer

Question 2: If elected, would you vote for making English the only language used on federal election ballots?

- a. _____ I would support
- b. _____ I would oppose
- c. _____ I prefer not to answer

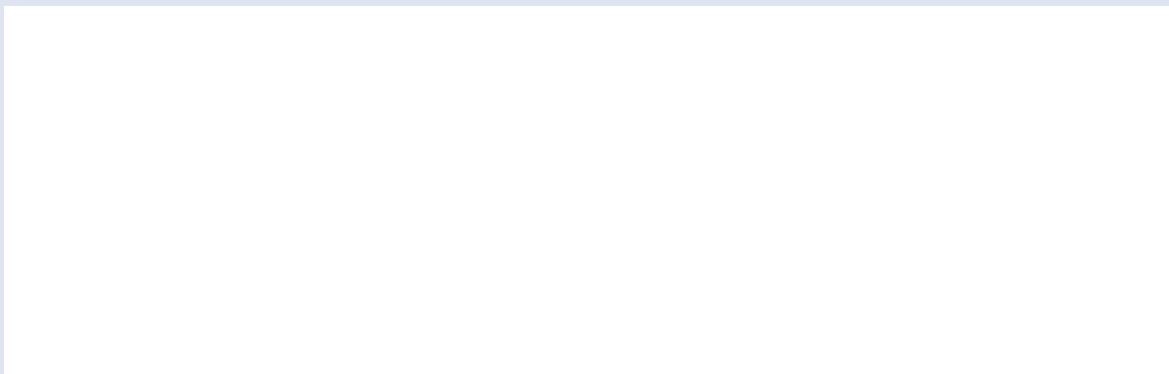
Question 3: If elected, would you vote to revoke the Clinton era Executive Order No. 13166, that requires all federal fund recipients to provide translation and interpreter services in foreign languages?

- a. _____ I would support
- b. _____ I would oppose
- c. _____ I prefer not to answer

Question 4: If elected, would you vote to require all federal government agencies to disclose the amount they spend to provide services in foreign languages?

- a. _____ I would support
- b. _____ I would oppose
- c. _____ I prefer not to answer

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- President Theodore Roosevelt

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