



Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association
Protecting the Future of Continuing Care Residents
The Voice of Continuing Care Residents at Annapolis

SUBJECT: House Bill 498 – Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding

COMMITTEES: House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chairwoman

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

The **Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association (MaCCRA)** is a not-for-profit organization representing the residents in continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). Maryland has over 18,000 older adults living in CCRCs. The principal purpose of MaCCRA is to protect and enhance the rights and financial security of current and future residents while maintaining the viability of the providers whose interests are frequently the same as their residents. MaCCRA SUPPORTS efforts to:

- Enhance: Transparency, Accountability, Financial Security; and
- Preserve existing protections in law and regulation for current and future CCRC residents statewide.

On behalf of the Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association, we support House Bill 498.

As drafted, House Bill 498 “authorizes grants provided by the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging (AAAs) for aging-in-place programs to also be used to provide seniors the opportunity to live in a “senior village.” The bill repeals the requirement that funding for such grants be as provided in the State budget; instead, the Governor must include at least \$1.0 million in the annual budget for the purpose of making the grants. At least 10% of funding must be used to support senior villages.”

Continuing Care Retirement Communities typically operate a complex or campus where residents start in independent living and move to other levels of care as needed. CCRCs have assisted living, typically a memory-care unit, and skilled nursing if their health and mobility decline. This bill has the potential to fund nonprofits offering services in the “CCRC at Home” model or “CCRC without Walls” which can be an option for older adults seeking to remain in their home. Nationally 32 CCRCs in a dozen states have CCRC at Home programs.

For these reasons we support House Bill 498 and ask for a favorable report.

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