

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 511**

### **Human Services - Secretary of Aging - Qualifications**

As an advocate for seniors and people with a disability, I was very pleased to see this Bill.

In the past, every Secretary that had been appointed, except one, had been a Senator. While their accomplishments were satisfactory, the new appointees had so much to learn just to begin.

Aging is a very complex issue with so many programs and so many laws. The Bill identifies the qualifications needed for future appointed Secretaries. With this background, the new Secretary will come in prepared and ready to begin exciting new programs.

This Bill is crucial for the ever-increasing aging community with its ever-increasing complex programs designed to keep people safe and save taxpayers money.

Please give this Bill a favorable vote. With it, there will be so much needed improvement in the future of the Maryland State Department of Aging.

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