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Testimony in Support of SB343 Renters' Property Tax Relief and Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Programs – Gross Income and Assessed Value Limitations – Alterations

Budget and Taxation Committee

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Support

The Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network (MSCAN) is a statewide coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based and mission-driven organizations that supports policies that meet the housing, health and quality of care needs of Maryland's low and moderate-income seniors.

We are here in strong support of SB343 which expands eligibility for the Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credits and increases the number of older adults who may benefit from this critical support.

SB343 will raise the income and median home value limits for the Homeowners Tax Credit which have not changed in decades and eliminate a provision which counts public assistance as gross income. The first set of changes will help older adults cope with the cost of living crisis, particularly in some parts of the state.

Older adults are the fastest growing cohort in Maryland, and we must ensure that they are able to age in place. SB343 updates the successful Homeowners and Renters Tax Credits program and expands eligibility and access to the program for more older adults throughout the state.

For the reasons stated above, MSCAN urges a favorable report on SB 343.

Thank you for your consideration.

