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

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 40: Sales and Use Tax - Diapers - Exemption

COMMITTEES: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, The Honorable Guy Guzzone

DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2020

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

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 Senate Bill 40. We understand the bill will be amended to clarify that adult diapers are tax exempt as well as infant diapers.

Currently, the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of disposable medical supplies which includes incontinent pants, diapers and other incontinent supplies for adults. This is not widely known and clarification in this bill will be helpful, as will extending to infant diapers.

Diapers are not luxury items, but necessary items of daily hygienic need. These items are an important component for the care, dignity and personal comfort of individuals of all ages. To the extent that this bill can make these items more affordable and accessible, it will be of tremendous benefit for parents, caregivers, families, and individual purchasers.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 40 and ask for a favorable report.

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