



Senate Finance Committee
January 22, 2025

Senate Bill 223 – *Department of Aging – Social Connections Program – Establishment*
POSTION: SUPPORT

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services, and the Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association, we express our strong support for Senate Bill 223. This bill updates Maryland's current Senior Call-Check Service Program (Program) to incorporate advancements in technology and communication.

Specifically, the bill allows the Department to continue to call participants enrolled in the Program and enables the use of text messages, video calls, or other forms of communication. Additionally, it permits participants to designate a person of their choice as their point of contact rather than the current limitation, which only allows the Department to contact local law enforcement of another government agency.

We believe these updates are practical and necessary to align with technological advancements since the original legislation was enacted. This will further the State's goal of enabling more individuals to "age in place." We urge a favorable vote.

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