



Testimony on **SB113**

Human Services - Department of Aging and Commission on
Aging (The Longevity Ready Maryland Act)

Position: FAV

To Chair Beidle and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Ricarra Jones and I am the Political Director for 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East in Maryland and Washington, DC. 1199 is the largest healthcare workers union in the nation, representing 10,000 members in our region. Our union supports SB113 and urges the Committee to issue a **favorable** report.

Longevity Ready Maryland takes a comprehensive approach to improving elder care infrastructure. As an organization that represents caregivers serving older adults, 1199SEIU supports codifying Longevity Ready Maryland. If this legislation passes, our state will have a foundation to build on Longevity Ready's [recommendations](#) regarding cross-sector coordination, justice, equity, and inclusion, caregiving supports, employment for all, affordable housing, financial stability, services and benefits, and access to equitable systems of care.

Please vote YES on this legislation. Thank you.

In Unity,

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