



# Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

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**House Bill 498**  
**In Support Of**

**Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs – Funding**  
**Appropriations Committee**  
**Hearing: February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

Dear Honorable Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Michael Jackson, Vice Chair, and Distinguished Appropriations Committee members,

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on House Bill 498 Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs – Funding.

We support this legislation because it will enable more seniors to age in place with some assistance from this mandated funding from the Department of Aging. Most seniors plan to stay at home as long as possible, and most could remain at home longer with some assistance from an appropriate caregiver. State (funding) assistance, even in this small amount, could benefit seniors and their families who are struggling to provide care and remain at home. MRSPA supports seniors aging in place, in safe housing with access to care that meets basic needs like transportation, medications, daily hygiene, light housekeeping and food preparation. Providing funding to allow seniors to age in place will be much more cost effective for the state than paying for care at a facility.

On behalf of the almost 14,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we respectfully request a favorable report on HB 498.

Sincerely,

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