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TO: The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Members, Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Shelly Hettleman

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 624 – *Assisted Living Programs – Assisted Living Referrers – Requirements and Prohibitions*

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On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the largest and most diverse senior care provider association in Maryland representing nursing facilities, assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, medical adult day care centers, senior housing communities and other home and community-based services, we **support** Senate Bill 624.

In 2020, Maryland enacted a requirement in which entities that refer individuals to assisted living programs for compensation are to be registered with the Office of Health Care Quality and, among other requirements, to only refer individuals to a licensed assisted living program. Senate Bill 624 tightens the requirements on assisted living referrers by requiring them to have liability insurance, perform employee criminal background checks, and maintain and distribute certain information between a referrer, a client, and an assisted living program.

LifeSpan views Senate Bill 624 as a consumer protection bill which is ensuring that individuals who seek the services of an assisted living referrer can do so safely and with assurance in the process. We urge a favorable vote.

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