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TO: The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee
The Honorable Ken Kerr

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 702 – *Health Care Facilities – Nursing Homes – Acquisitions and Licensure*

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** House Bill 702.

House Bill 702 states that, when evaluating a notice of acquisition or transfer of interest of a nursing home, the Maryland Health Care Commission must provide its' written findings and recommendations, including the basis for the recommendations, to the Office of Health Care Quality. The findings must include the: (i) quality ratings of facilities currently or previously owned, within or outside the State, by the purchaser of the health care facility; (ii) the tax identification number of each purchaser; and (iii) the personal centers for CMS certification number of each purchaser.

Over the years, there has been increasing concern raised regarding the acquisition of nursing homes in the State. House Bill 702 increases communication and transparency between State agencies to ensure that, in licensing recently purchased nursing facilities, all information can be considered. We request a favorable vote.